

Interlaken Shade Tree Commission Minutes
December 11, 2018

Sunshine Law read

Present: Dalton, Heinz, Hughes, Insabella, Wetstein

Absent: Papp, Wentz

Business:

Jenni Wentz resigns due to family obligations.

Suggestion of Janet Casini-Pepe to replace. Vote taken. Unanimous approval.

Dates for next year's meetings are as follows: January 8, February 12, March 12, April 9, May 14, June 11, July 9, August 13, September 10, October 1, November 12, and December 10
Meetings are held at 7:30 at Interlaken Boro Hall.

Certified Forestry Management Plan- Letters were actually sent to arborists the day of Dec 11, not in November as previously reported by Dalton. The Shade Tree will await replies to choose which arborist to assist with the writing of the plan for the next 5 years. Previously the town was awarded a \$3000 grant to hire an arborist to work on the plan. The CFMP is a 5 year plan which details what Shade Tree Commissions want to accomplish and ways and means to do so. The current Interlaken Plan goes through 2019.

Annual Report- Hughes prepares all reports and is gathering all that is needed. This report details what the ISTC has accomplished and expenditures for 2018, including CEU credits. With this information a budget request for 2019 is prepared and then submitted to Council.

Forestry Tree Program- This is the last year the NJ Tree Recovery Campaign will give out free saplings for communities to distribute to their residents., which is usually done on Arbor Day. We have participated in the past and will request 50 saplings. Upon inspection by Dalton, she will choose whether to receive. Sometimes the specimens are not up to standards needed for the town. Dalton has been cultivating past saplings in her yard and there was discussion as to where to plant around town. In the past these saplings were cultivated by the public works yard but they got too big to plant elsewhere and were destroyed. That should not happen again.

The next meeting will be January 19, 2019.

Respectfully submitted.

Jodi Heinz