

Minutes Interlaken Shade Tree Commission
September 13, 2016

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Present: Heinz, Insabella, Papp, Reeves, Weaver
Absent: Dalton, Hughes

Old Business:

Perennial Garden Discussion: The garden was designed by Dalton, a master gardener, and prepared by public works. First plantings were completed by Dalton and are watered almost daily. Possible further plantings may be in fall, weather dependent. For future planting, the public will be invited to assist. The public will also be invited for future weeding and cleanups, via different media outlets.

The tree markers for the Arboretum are in. Work will soon begin on the stakes and then the markers will be attached.

Discussion of Tree Inventory Grant: Bill Brash from Freehold is the arborist who was chosen for the project. Work will commence on September 20th. The shade tree members will be invited to shadow throughout the process. A press release to explain all about the Tree Inventory will be prepared by Heinz and then will be released to the public via various mediums.

New Business:

Core Training in Atlantic City is October 28th and 29th. Norm from public works will take the core training. Heinz, and possibly other members, will take ITree, which is used to maintain accuracy of the shade tree inventory.

There was a preliminary discussion of 2017 candidates for Yard of the Month. Each candidate will be

Small street tree planting for this fall is on hold due to the possibility of a major Street Tree Planting Grant for next year.

Future meeting of the ISTC may be held in the Arboretum, weather permitting, or at other times for maintenance, and the public will be invited to assist. Adequate notice will be given. Some residents have offered their services and all help will be greatly appreciated. Dalton, Weaver, Heinz and Hughes have weeded and pruned in the past few months and it makes a difference in the Arboretum's appearance.

Norm and Anthony from Public Works will be thanked. They installed a wonderful hose system, which can reach all the trees for watering, and a drip system in the new pollinator garden.

The next meeting date has been changed to Thursday, October 13th.

Reeves resigned from the ISTC due to other personal commitments.

Respectfully submitted,
Jodi Heinz
Co-Chair ISTC