

Meeting of Interlaken Shade Tree Commission

Meeting held – April 12, 2022

Welcome to All. **NJ Sunshine Law** was read to all participants prior to beginning of **STC Meeting**.

Attendees per roll call: **Marguerite Dalton, John Finn, John Insabella, David Sobotka, Charles Santoro, Laura Fikus**

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM

- **Grants**
 - Dalton advised the RFP for the grant will be out by 4/48. Bill Brash is working on it.
 - Ficus advised she spoke to the RU/Cook College people and they would be glad to help us where ever they can.
 - A grant committee was established. Volunteers are Ficus, Dalton and Finn.
- **Arbor Day Celebration – Sunday May 1 from 1:00 to 4:00**
 - Bill Brash has agreed to be the speaker at the celebration. The topic will be the importance of trees and caring for them.
 - Dalton reported there will be three or four artists presenting their works.
 - A flyer is being put together by Ficus. In order to save mailing costs, it was agreed that members of the committee will distribute to the Interlaken homes. This is in addition to the FB posting.
- **Centennial Tree**
 - Dalton is working on getting the Centennial Tree. Need to get a cost based on the diameter which will probably be 3.5 to 4 inches.
- **Arboretum tree signage**
 - Sobotka brought in a sample of the tree sign made by Compliance Signs in Dallas Texas (compliancesigns.com). All agreed the sign is what we want to use. We just do not need the holes in the corners. The quoted price is \$8.40 each for 50 signs for a total of \$420 plus \$26 shipping.
 - The debate turned to where the data for the QR Code would be stored. After discussion it was agreed we would ask if the town wanted it stored on the Interlaken Borough site as opposed to the Arbor Day Foundation which is where the link currently leads. We could also tailor the information the way we want it. Fikus will ask the town if they want to store the information. Provided they concur, Fikus will make a list of the items we want to include and from which internet sites they can be found. Santoro will create a

prototype PDF containing the information on a sample tree. When approved a separate PDF will be made for each tree to be added to the Interlaken database.

- Santoro will make a special tree sign for the Centennial Tree.
- Dalton agreed to send the subcommittee a list of the trees currently in arboretum.
- **2022 Tree Plantings**
 - Dalton advised she is finalizing the list of tree plantings for the fall.
- **Public Comment**
 - There were no comments from the public.
- **The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.**