

Meeting of Interlaken Shade Tree Commission

Meeting held - February 8, 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

January 10, 2022 meeting minutes were approved. Motion to approve: Finn, 2nd Fikus

1. Arbor Day Celebration – Sunday May 1

- It was agreed in observance of Arbor Day the ISTC would host an art fair. Notice will be sent to Interlaken residents. Dalton to contact Interlaken artists to participate.
- Dalton is also locating a speaker

2. Continuing Education

- The following attended the online presentation of “INVASIVE WOODY PLANT MANAGEMENT - PART 3 hosted by the USEPA” and received their certificate – Finn, Sobotka, Dalton, Fikus.

3. Core training

- Fikus and Sobotka will take the spring course while Santoro will take it in the fall.

4. Budget - Finance

- We anticipating receiving our budget for 2022 in April

5. Interlaken Parents/Residents Facebook page

- The ISTC will begin using the Interlaken FB page to communicate with residents. This could be used for such things as the Arbor Day celebration and tree tenders.
- First Finn, 2nd Fikus. All agreed to adopt.

6. RFP for Grants –

- Dalton reviewed the NJ Urban Community Forest Program procedures for requesting grants.

7. 2022 Tree Plantings

- It was agreed that at the March meeting, committee members will submit their lists for homes that should be considered for tree plantings during 2022.

8. New Agenda topics from ISTC members –

- **Suggested Tree Removal in the Arboretum**
 - The committee took up the suggestion by Peter Hughes for removal of a portion of a tree in the arboretum that is leaning across the northern path and resting on a cedar tree. The tree has two trunks, one of which is the problem. Dalton will ask Laurie if the town can remove the trunk that is causing the issue.
- **Centennial Tree**
 - Santoro suggested the town may want to designate a Centennial Tree in observation of the Interlaken 100th anniversary coming up in April. This could possibly be included in the Arbor Day observance on May 1st. All agreed this was something to consider. Details such as the type of tree and location to be discussed at the March meeting.
- **Arboretum – New signage and QR codes**
 - The committee revisited the proposal to obtain new signs for the arboretum that will include QR codes.
 1. Santoro will work up a prototype and forward to Fikus and bring to the March meeting
 2. Fikus will contact potential printers

9. Comments from public

- None were presented

Adjournment. Motion to adjourn was at 8:25 by M. Dalton, 2nd J. Isabella made and approved unanimously.