Interlaken Shade Commission Minutes January 8, 2019

Sunshine Law Read

Present: Dalton, Heinz, Hughes, Insabella, Casini-Pepe, Wetstein Absent: Papp

Agenda:

Casini-Pepe not sworn in yet due to unfinished paperwork, however is approved and in attendance.

Proposals for assistance in preparing for the future Certified Forestry Management Plan was submitted to 4 companies. Two responded. Choices were Shelterwood Forest Managers (Bill Brash) and Aspen Tree Experts (Steve Chisholm). Shelterwood came in at a \$3000 bid and Aspen at \$3200. Since the STC has recently worked successfully with Bill Brash on its inventory and his bid came in at the exact price as our grant, we will award him with the task. Heinz will inform him so he can proceed with all filings. Aspen will also be informed and thanked.

Suggestions and things to explore for the coming year: Committees would be a good idea for newsletter, grant submissions, etc. and we will explore what we want to accomplish and whether to expand to include an environmental commission as many towns do. A newsletter will go out in the spring.

Discussion of a shade tree ordinance and whether to change or expand. It was agreed that the current plan is not enforced. It was agreed that we will work with our new liaison to Council, Arthur Fama, to seek guidance in this area.

Hughes continuing with Annual Report, CEU's and Budget for Council.

Heinz will speak with Lori Reibrich, town clerk, will inform about decisions and gather information for future projects.

Reorganization: Chair: Jodi Heinz Vice Chair: Nancy Wetstein Secretary: Marguerite Dalton Treasurer: Peter Hughes Yard of the Month: John Insabella Community Help Line: Marguerite Dalton and Janet Casini-Pepe, who are Master Gardeners

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted. Jodi Heinz