



Candlewood Shores Tax District

Board Interest Form

All Board Position Nominees are to submit a Board Interest Form for community review in advance of the vote. All Nominees, should they obtain a position, are aware they are making a commitment to the Board and the Community for one (1) or more years depending on position and are to attend and participate in all meetings.

Name: David Samuels

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Phone Number: Please provide us with a phone number in the text of your email

Do you currently live in Candlewood Shores and are a registered voter in the Town of Brookfield or an owner of a property in the CSTD with an assessment of at least \$1000 : Yes No

Brief History:

My wife and I purchased a home in Candlewood Shores in 2021 and we love being a part of this community. My wife has been coming to Candlewood Shores since 1997, and I grew up on Long Island where my family spent our summers on a small motorboat - so this has been a perfect spot for us. I have two kids - aged 23 and 20 - who love watersports and enjoy time at the lake. Professionally, I have worked in banking and energy for my entire career. I also do a significant amount of legal work as part of my job, and though not a lawyer I'm very comfortable reading and understanding contracts. I have held many leadership positions throughout my life - both volunteer and professional - and I enjoy the role. I have experience working across large organizations and understand how to incorporate diverse views, build consensus and make decisions. I have an undergraduate degree in economics and an MBA, so I can contribute to the analysis of all financial matters before the Board.

Why would you like to serve on the Board?

I'm running for a Director position to help the Board and the community address the issues that are in front us, and will try to do so in a way that is more efficient and transparent for all. When an issue is identified (by the Board or a member of the community), costs and benefits should be analyzed and then along with input from the community a decision should be made. The process and information used should be clear to all. Decisions can always be reconsidered, but we need to move faster. Recent examples include:



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- Sewers - I have seen enough information to say that I am firmly against this current plan for sewers. Our own sewer committee did an outstanding job of analyzing the information and showed that this initiative is based on unsubstantiated claims about the health of the lake and a financial approach that would devastate our community. Our Board should be representing its constituents by clearly explaining the process for our formally opposing this and what legal rights we have. If a vote is needed then let's have it. Action needs to be taken immediately.
- Gates - this has been discussed for a long time but it's not clear that this has really been analyzed, and the information has not been presented to the community so a decision can be made.
- More detailed minutes for Board meetings should be produced (and shared soon after each meeting) that allow the reader to actually understand what was discussed and the reasons for a decision, and not just the topic that was discussed.
- I also support providing these notes on a technology platform that can be easily searched by all. Credit for this suggestion goes to a neighbor I spoke with last weekend and there are good tools readily available for this.
- All meetings of the Board should be accessible remotely by Microsoft Teams or a voice only dial-in. This is how business is done today across the world, and good tools are readily available. Participation at all levels should not be limited to those that are able to attend in person, and we will be a better community if we are inclusive of all who want to be involved.
- We should also not let the pursuit of a perfect solution prevent us from using a good solution. Remote access to meetings is just one example of this. Over 6 months ago I proposed that we purchase a Polycom speakerphone for a few hundred dollars to support remote access for meetings. I also explained then that Microsoft Teams on a laptop would not do as much as a Polycom could to address sound quality. If we want to encourage members of the community to participate then we need to make it easy for them to do so, and take into consideration their commitments to be at home with kids in the evening, travel for work, etc.

You are currently serving on the CSTD Board. Explain why you would like to re-run.

Please email this form to: Lisa Maguire at lisa.maguire.director@candlewoodshores.com or Nancy Johnson at npj09@aol.com

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