

**Minutes Interlaken Shade Tree Commission**  
**December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

**Sunshine Law**- Coaster and Town Hall Website

**Present:** Dalton, Heinz, Hughes, Insabella, Weaver

**Absent:** Papp

**Business:**

Bolle Tree Service will be contacted as they performing work on town owned shade trees illegally at the request of some homeowners. They should know to say no to the work.

**Talk of changing Shade Tree Ordinance Points- Recommendations Discussed**  
**Points made and written down- send to commissioners to discuss final**  
**recommendations at next meeting**

- 1)** Borough Engineer has no time to inspect trees to be removed. We should be informed and able to inspect, unless they have a note from a certified arborist. We have training to make a recommendation.
- 2)** No permit should be issued until trees are inspected, especially if homeowner say it's dead. They may do so to get to cut down tree without fees.
- 3)** The fees for removing trees should be more money than currently set. It should be more and the monies collected put into a tree replanting fund, or shade tree.
- 4)** Town owned shade trees are currently not supposed to be pruned or removed by homeowner, however there are no penalties for doing so. If a tree must be removed due to improper and illegal pruning, the homeowner should incur the cost. The homeowner should also pay to plant a new tree.

**Dates Set for Next Year**- Marguerite will send to Lori at boro hall  
Jan 10, Feb 7, March 14, April 4, May 9, June 13, July 11, Aug 8, Sept 12,  
Oct 10, Nov 7, Dec 12

Action must be taken to use 2016 funds to remove hazardous trees in Inventory Report. Besides buying the laptop, this is where the rest of our funds will be spent.

We are still waiting for our laptop. Lori said we will get soon.

We need a newsletter out quickly. Heinz will start talking points and send to others to review, add and delete. Discussion at next meeting to finalize.

A thank you note will be written by Heinz to the Jersey Shore Women's Club for their \$150 donation. A note will be written by Dalton to the Interlaken Garden Club for their \$50 donation.

The 2016 Annual Report to NJ will be taken care of by Hughes.  
Meeting Adjourned

