

**BOROUGH OF INTERLAKEN  
WORKSHOP MINUTES  
JULY 16, 2014  
7:00 P.M. AT BOROUGH HALL**

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The meeting of the Borough of Interlaken was called to order at 7:01 p.m., by Council President White. The following statement was read by Borough Administrator Reibrich. “The notice of the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act has been satisfied by forwarding annual notice to the Coaster and Asbury Park Press. A copy of annual notice is posted on the Borough bulletin board and is on file in the Borough Clerk’s office.”

Present: Mayor Nohilly, Council President White, Council members: Cohen, Handerhan, Miller

Absent: Councilman Napoli

Late Arrival: Mayor Nohilly 7:04 pm

Also Present: Borough Administrator Lori Reibrich, Borough Attorney Richard Shaklee, Esq.

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**1. TREE ORDINANCE –**

Councilman Morley outlined changes to the tree ordinance that were proposed by the Committee.

The original proposed ordinance stated that four trees could be cut down without penalty. The committee agreed with that number. If a homeowner wanted to cut four trees, they would be permitted to do so. The committee removed references to specific tree specimens.

Mayor Nohilly noted that specimens were still mentioned in the ordinance, but the phrasing made the specimens more of a suggestion rather than a restriction.

Councilman Morley stated that the Committee changed the responsibility for governing the ordinance to be Borough officials, keeping it at the Borough level with the Borough Administrator, Borough Engineer and Public Works. The committee feels that the Shade Tree Committee looks at these issues aggressively now, but there is no guarantee that it will be the same in the future.

Councilman Morley stated that committee would like there to be a penalty of \$150 per tree for each tree above four trees to be removed.

Councilman Morley stated that the Borough and DPW would be monitoring the ordinance. The Borough should get the fees.

Mayor Nohilly stated that Shade Tree Commission gets an amount within the Borough budget. It makes sense not to add the fees to their budget amount.

Mayor Nohilly questioned whether changing the fee from \$375 per tree to \$150 per tree was too lenient.

Councilman Morley stated that a new tree could be planted for \$150.

Councilman Handerhan agreed, stating that the penalty should not be a moneymaking item for the Borough.

Mayor Nohilly questioned the \$10 application fee.

Councilman Miller stated that it would be for the permit to be on file at Borough Hall.

Council also discussed the appeal process in the ordinance, which was modeled after the appeal process used in Ocean Township.

Councilman Miller pointed out that the ordinance states that the appeal could be brought to the Borough Engineer, the Borough Administrator or an appointee of the Borough Administrator.

Mayor Nohilly stated that the Borough Administrator can designate a Shade Tree member for appeals.

Borough Attorney Shaklee stated that Ocean Township has a member of their Environmental Committee in this role and believes a Shade Tree member could be used.

Mayor Nohilly stated that it also makes sense for the Borough Engineer to do it, because he has a certified tree expert on staff.

Council briefly discussed the application process.

**2. NEW BUSINESS –**

No new business.

**3. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC –**

Mayor Nohilly opened the floor for public comment.

Jodi Heinz, 512 Bridlemere Avenue, stated that she was happy that something is being passed with regard to a tree ordinance. Ms. Heinz stated that you can still clear cut an entire property. Ms. Heinz does not think the ordinance is going to make a large difference. Ms. Heinz is still pleased there is going to be an ordinance, because there are some larger properties with a lot of trees. It may make a difference in those cases.

With additional public comment, Mayor Nohilly closed the floor.

**4. ADJOURNMENT: With no further comments, Councilman Handerhan made a MOTION to adjourn at 7:22 p.m., seconded by Councilman Morley and unanimously carried.**

	Mayor Nohilly	Council President White	Councilman Miller	Councilman Morley	Councilman Napoli	Councilman Cohen	Councilman Handerhan
Motion to Approve							X
Motion to Second				X			
Approved		X	X	X		X	X
Opposed							
Abstain/Recuse							
Absent/Excused					X		

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 Lori Reibrich  
 Borough Administrator/Municipal Clerk  
 Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_