

# Meeting of Interlaken Shade Tree Commission

Meeting held – April 25, 2023 – Borough Hall

Welcome to All. **NJ Sunshine Law** was read to all participants prior to beginning of STC Meeting.

Attendees per roll call: **Marguerite Dalton, David Sobotka, John Insabella, Laura Fikus, Chuck Santoro, John Finn, Janet Casini-Pepe**

**Meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM**

- **Approval of Minutes**
  - Minutes from the March meeting were approved.
- **Budget**
  - Dalton advised the budget provided by the borough council was reduced to \$5,000 for 2023. This was because of the grant provided by the state for tree replacement. This is a decrease of \$3,000 from last year. The problem is that due to tree removal already done (In some cases removing compromised trees that are being replaced due to the grant) plus other miscellaneous costs already incurred we only have \$2,500 remaining for the year,
- **Grant**
  - The final plating plans have been sent in plus alternates.
  - The borough employees have made a water tank out of a 50-gallon drum, alleviating the need to buy a water tank for watering the new trees.
- **Arbor Day**
  - Bill Brash is set up to do a presentation at the Arbor Day festivities on April 30<sup>th</sup> at about 1:15 pm. This is to be followed by Paddington Bear story time at about 2 pm.
  - As rain may occur the group discussed how we could conduct the celebration indoors.
- **Japanese Garden**
  - Santoro and Dalton advised we are planning a Japanese Garden to be made on Bridlemere a few 100 feet north of the arboretum on the lake side of Bridlemere. This is the planning stages.
- **Yard of the Month**
  - Insabella asked members to send him nominations for Yard of the Month.
- **Public Comment**
  - There were no comments from the public.
- **Adjournment**
  - The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.