

# Meeting of Interlaken Shade Tree Commission

Meeting held – December 12, 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, John Insabella, John Finn, David Sobotka, Charles Santoro**

**Meeting was called to order at 7:08 PM**

- **Approval of Minutes**
  - Minutes for the November meeting were approved.
- **Tree Grant**
  - The status report on the recent tree planting grant was approved by the state.
  - Dalton requested that we remove the water bags from the newly planted trees and drop them off at her house.
- **Tree Signs**
  - Sobotka advised he is ordering the five remaining tree signs shortly.
- **CEUs**
  - The committee has eight CEUs. We need to have eight. There are online seminars provided by Urban Forestry which count and we took but were not included. So, we have met the quota.
- **Annual Report**
  - Marguerite is working on the annual report which will be completed shortly.
- **Dates for ISTC Meetings in 2024**
  - 1/9, 2/13, 3/12, 4/9, 5/14, 6/11/ 7/9, 8/13, 9/10, 10/8, 11/12, 12/10
  - Arbor Day Celebration is planned for April 28<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of the 29<sup>th</sup>.
- **Shirts**
  - Chuck Santoro will approach a local business in Belmar to get prices for shirts and will report back at the next meeting.

- **Christmas Tree lighting**
  - The Christmas Tree lighting was not well attended due to weather. Additionally, the original tree lighting was postponed from the week earlier also due to weather.
- **Requested Tree removal**
  - The owner of 24 Rona requested advice for possible removal of a holly tree as it was getting too close to the house. Dalton's advice was to trim the tree back. Hollies can be trimmed back pretty far and they regenerate quite well.
- **Public Comment**
  - There were no comments from the public.
- **Adjournment**
  - The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.