

Meeting of Interlaken Shade Tree Commission

Meeting held – January 10, 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, Janet Casini-Pepe, John Finn, John Insabella. Laura Ficus**

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM

- **Approval of Minutes**
 - Minutes from the December meeting were approved. First approval Finn, second Casini-Pepe.
- **Tree Signs – Arboretum**
 - The members reviewed the sign layouts proposed by Santoro. By a 5 to 1 vote, the committee agreed to use the second of the four proposed, which Santoro sent to the group on January 9th.
 - Sobotka is to get a new estimate for the tree signs.
 - Sobotka also agreed to talk to Santoro regarding designing a special sign for the proposed centennial tree.
- **Budget –**
 - Dalton advised that we will request a 7% increase from last year’s budget.
- **Grant**
 - Dalton passed round the proposed tree plantings to the group and asked for tests on any recommended changes.
 - Each homeowner will receive a letter indicating the number and types of trees being planted on their property.
 - Insabella suggested we tell homeowners not to use pesticides around the newly planted trees. This information will be included in the letters sent to the affected homeowners.
- **Beech Tree Blight**
 - Dalton noted there is a blight attacking beech trees. It spreads through spores and is fatal. There is a tree on Woodmere that has it and Bill Brash was consulted. He said it needs to be removed.
 - In prior meetings it was determined that our centennial tree would be a Copper Beech. This is being reconsidered.
- **500 Bendermere**
 - Bill Brash was also consulted regarding a Red Maple at 500 Bendermere. It was determined the tree needs to be removed. It will be replaced with a Little Leaf Linden with money from the grant.
- **Wild Roses**

- Casini-Pepe said now is a good time to have the wild roses around the lake removed while they have no leaves and are easily identifiable.
- Dalton advised Casini-Pepe to take a picture of one of them and send it to Lori asking public works to remove them.
- **Public Comment**
 - There were no comments from the public.
- **Adjournment**
 - The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 pm.