

Meeting of Interlaken Shade Tree Commission

Meeting held – July 11, 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, Laura Fikus, John Finn, Chuck Santoro, Janet Casini-Pepe (By phone)**

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM

- **Approval of Minutes**
 - Minutes from the June meeting were approved.
- **Grant/New Trees**
 - Our grant from the state was \$42,000.
 - New trees including planting was \$29,000
 - Bill Brash was paid \$1,000
 - The next two years will require \$3,500 of fertilizer totaling \$7,000
 - This leaves \$5,000 which can be used to either replace trees that fail or adding extra trees. All agreed it would be wise to keep some of the grant on the side in the event we need it. These funds would need to be spent by Sept 26, 2025.
- **Watering of newly planted trees**
 - The group created a list of the members responsible for watering the newly planted trees. A list was also created of those homeowners who have agreed to water their own trees.
- **Yard of the Month**
 - The YOM for August will be the Arboretum.
- **Social Media**
 - Hedman Soto provided the committee with a presentation of what he has done thus far on the Social Media front on behalf of the ISTC.
 - He set up an Instagram account going by the name, interlakenarboretum. The site contains several pictures of the arboretum and a link to the ISTC section of the Interlaken borough site.
 - Hedman is going to share the Instagram account on the Interlaken Parents and Residents group on Facebook.
- **Public Comment**
 - There were no comments from the public.
- **Adjournment**
 - The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.