

Meeting of Interlaken Shade Tree Commission

Meeting held – June 13, 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, Janet Casini-Pepe, Chuck Santoro**

Meeting was called to order at 7:08 PM

- **Approval of Minutes**
 - Minutes from the May meeting were approved.
- **Grant/New Trees**
 - Levon Bigelow, the forester for the grant, sent an email to Dalton indicating he had looked at all the trees that were planted from the grant. He apologized for not coming sooner but in general thought they were looking good. He noted:
 - Tree at 405 Windermere was noticeably leaning and asked that we ask DPW attempt to correct it.
 - Two trees - 317 Windermere and 28 Bridlemere (on the side) looked like they needed a bit of water.
 - The tree supplier gave us the wrong tree that was supposed to be used as the town Christmas Tree at town hall. We asked for a Serbian Spruce but instead were provided with a tree that would grow too big for the area we had planned for. So that tree ended up in the Arboretum. We will have to get a Serbian next time.
 - Watering the new trees- Decision was made to update a spreadsheet that would be kept on the steering wheel of the cart by DPW. This will also be a good document to show the hours we put in and what has been done to submit to the state in relation to the grant. We also are going to hide the key in a magnetic container under the cart. When trying to figure out if a resident watered it was suggested that if the envelope was turned out, that we had watered last, if it was turned in good chance the resident did.
 - The committee agreed to establish a text chain between the ISTC members to determine if someone is using the watering cart.
 - DPW did a great job putting two barrels on our cart and adding an electric pump. We need to let the Mayor and Council know how helpful they have been.
 - This Saturday (June 17th), Dalton, Fucus and Santoro are going to install more posts for some of the newer trees in the Arboretum. Plan is the following week we would add the new signs.

Arbor Day

- Discussed the article and photo that ran in the Coaster Vol 40 no 50 covering our Arbor Day Celebration. We will use it when we submit the Tree City Application.

• Yard of the Month

- Insabella advised that 706 Raymere will be YOM for July

• Public Comment

- There were no comments from the public.

• Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 pm.