

# Meeting of Interlaken Shade Tree Commission

Meeting held –March 12, 2024– Borough Hall

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

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

Absent: **Santoro**

**Meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM**

- **Approval of Minutes**
  - Minutes for the January meeting were approved. Pepe approved, Finn second. (Note the February meeting was canceled due to inclement weather)
- **Tree Grant**
  - We will fertilize the new trees planted last year, in May.
  - Dalton advised that all the paper work for the reimbursement has been submitted to the state.
  - All were asked to look at the newly plated tees from last year to see if they have buds for this year.
- **CFMP 2025**
  - We are required to renew our Community Forestry Management plan. The state grants \$5,000 to redo our status for the next 4 years and is due before the end of 2024. Part of the work is to inventory the trees in the town. Bill Brash will do most of the work for us.
- **Arbor Day**
  - Kevin Akey will be the speaker at our Arbor Dau celebration. Kevin is a master gardner.
    - The topic will be “bugs”.
  - Dalton is contacting the artists in town asking them to participate as we have done for the past two years.
- **Tree Trimming**

- 716 Grasmere – Tree needs to be removed.
- 733 Fernmere – Some limbs need to be removed.
- **Meditation Garden**
  - We are considering installing the proposed meditation garden at the east end of Bridlemere. Across from 100 Bridlemere.
  - It will be named the Hope Garden in honor of longtime resident, Gloria Hope.
  - We may look into partially funding the garden by selling engraved bricks.
- **CEUs**
  - Members of the committee were encouraged to sign up for classes with the forestry service for CEUs which we need to renew this year.
- **Yard of the Month**
  - Insabella advised that he has 4 or 5 yards already selected for this year.
- **Public Comment**
  - There were no comments from the public.
- **Adjournment**
  - The meeting was adjourned at 8:40
  - pm.