

Meeting of Interlaken Shade Tree Commission

Meeting held – November 15, 2022 – 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**

Meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM

- **Approval of Minutes**
 - Minutes from the October meeting were approved. First approval Casini-Pepe, second Insabella.

- **Heritage trees**
 - Dalton that she asked Lori the current process for work being done relative to heritage trees. They are using Bill Brash with the reports going to Mayor Nohilly. Dalton will ask that those reports are sent to her as well. She will ask the mayor to reinstate the heritage tree committee as was done in the past. The HT Commission would give an opinion. If that opinion is appealed an expert would re-evaluate.

- **Fall tree trimming and removal**
 - Armstrong's estimate for the current list of tree trimming and removal is \$3,000. We have \$3,900 left in our budget so we have the ability to add any other trees in need. Dalton asked that member send her a list of any trees that need work.

- **Grant**
 - During the month Dalton, Sobotka and Insabella met with Bill Brash to identify trees that would be purchased and planted with the grant funds.
 - A resolution approving the grant was sent to the council for approval at their next meeting.

- **Arboretum tree signage**
 - Sobotka advised that in his earlier review, the North Carolina Extension web site had information on all but two trees in the arboretum. It was agreed by the committee that we would use them for our QR codes. Actually the NCE site contains QR codes for each tree. As for the other two trees we need to determine ether not include them or include some other means of identification.

- Sobotka suggested that our tree signage include some identification of either Borough of Interlaken or the ISTC. The committee agreed. Sobotka agreed to take that up with Santoro.
- **Public Comment**
 - There were no comments from the public.
- **Adjournment**
 - The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.