

Meeting of Interlaken Shade Tree Commission

Meeting held – November 14, 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, John Finn, David Sobotka, Laura Fikus**

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM

- **Approval of Minutes**

- Minutes for the October meeting were approved.

- **Tree grant**

- Letters have been sent to the people getting new/replacement trees.
- Dalton is working on a progress report on the status of the tree grant which is due to the state be 11/22/23. There are four progress reports that will be required as part of the grant.
- There is \$6,000 remaining on the grant. We are planting three replacement trees and 11 additional new ones on November 15th. This totals 14 additional trees.
- DPW had removed the water tank from the cart for winter, but are putting it back so that we can water the newly planted trees.

- **Shirts**

The committee agreed to consider the purchase of 50 tee shirts. Twenty-five would be short sleeve and 25 long sleeve.

- Insabella wore an Interlaken Arboretum shirt from the past which the committee unanimously thought looked very good. A picture was sent to Chuck Santoro who was not in attendance who will work on creating a newer version of that shirt for the next meeting.

- **Christmas Tree lighting**

- Santoro had created a swag out of pine cones from the arboretum which can be sold at the tree lighting. Similar to what was done last year.

- **Public Comment**

- There were no comments from the public.

- **Adjournment**

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.