

# Meeting of Interlaken Shade Tree Commission

Meeting held – October 11, 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, Laura Fikus, Janet Casini-Pepe, John Finn**

**Meeting was called to order at 7:08 PM**

- **Approval of Minutes**
  - Minutes from the September meeting were approved. First approval Casini-Pepe, second Finn.
  
- **Grant status**
  - The next step in the approval process is for the town to pass a resolution accepting the grant.
  - Fikus passed the draft listing the addresses of the homes which will be getting a tree.
  - Fikus noted that trees in front of 718 and 518 Grasmere may need to be removed and replaced. A few trees in the arboretum will need to be replaced as well. Dalton said she would be in the Arboretum at 9:30 am on October Saturday October 15<sup>th</sup> to evaluate what trees may need to be removed and invited anyone else to attend who wished to do so.
  
- **Arboretum tree signage**
  - Sobotka advised that he and Dalton had recorded all of the tree species in the arboretum. There are approximately 50 different species. After researching it only about half have listings on the Arbor Day Foundation site. While the North Carolina Extension site contained all but two species.
    - For consideration is do we want to have some trees refer to the Arbor Day Foundation site and others to the North Carolina Extension site? Or if we want them all to have the same site, that would be Wikipedia.
  - Sobotka also suggested some reference to ISTC be contained in the signs we use. He agreed to discuss this with Santoro who could not attend the meeting.
  
- **Trees for Borough Parks**
  - Dalton is going to ask the town what if any trees they want in the Bridlemere park as well as the park in the lake at the intersection of Windermere and Scarba.

- **Permits for tree removal**
  - It is not clear at this point who is approving tree removal permits and on what basis those are being issued. Dalton is going to discuss with borough officials.
- **Public Comment**
  - There were no comments from the public.
- **Adjournment**
  - The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.