

# Meeting of Interlaken Shade Tree Commission

Meeting held – September 12, 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, Chuck Santoro, David Sobotka**

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

- **Approval of Minutes**
  - Dalton asked for a correction on the August minutes dealing with the location of the newly planted trees that may need replacement. The correction will be done on the August notes and resubmitted at the October meeting.
- **Tree grant**
  - Dalton cited an email from Levon Bigelow of the New Jersey Forrest service which stated that the 2-year establishment (Tree survival verification) begins when the last tree is planted. As the ISTC will be planting additional trees in the fall, the clock will start to run from that point instead of the May 2023 initial planting. The initial 90% reimbursement can be submitted in the fall of 2023.
  - Dalton will share a list of the proposed new trees to be planted in the fall of 2023 within the next few days. One to be included is a new Christmas tree for the Borough Hall grounds. (Approximately 10 trees in all).
- **Yard of the Month**
  - The YOM for September is 500 Bridlemere. This concludes the 2023 YOM awards.
- **Tee Shirts for ISTC members**
  - The group discussed the possibility of purchasing tee shirts for members. These would be especially good to wear while watering the trees, so that the residents understand who is doing the watering.
  - Chuck Santoro agreed to draw up a design to present at the October meeting.
- **Public Comment**
  - There were no comments from the public.
- **Adjournment**
  - The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.