

MARLBORO TOWNSHIP SHADE TREE COMMITTEE

MINUTES from February 12, 2017

Municipal Complex-Town Hall-12:30pm

Meeting was called to order by Eric Engel at 12:40 pm

Roll Call was taken

Joanna Boretti- Present

Mary Eng –Present

Eric Engel –Present

Beth Hutter—Present

Bob Mellert---Present

Pat Ondar –Not Present

Ellen Simonetti--Present

Scott Warren –Not Present

Jeff Weiss –Not Present

Shari Spero – CME Associates – Not Present

Randi Marder – Councilperson –Not Present

Opening statement is read by Eric Engel, acting chairperson.

As the presiding officer of this meeting of the Marlboro Shade Tree Committee, I hereby declare that the notice requirements in accordance with the provisions of the open meeting law chapter 21, P.L. 1995 has been provided in accordance with the annual notice procedures of C 10.428 of said Act. I further order that this public announcement be place in the minutes of this meeting.

A motion to approve the minutes from the January meeting was made by Mary Eng and seconded by Ellen Simonetti

Open items from the January meeting

- **Five Year Forestry Plan** –The committee has no further information regarding the application submitted to the State of New Jersey for a full grant to help fund our third 5-year plan.
- **Arbor Day 2017**– Date is set for April 29 at the Marlboro Community Garden on Tennent Road, at which time a tree will be planted in the area adjacent to the garden.
- **Annual Accomplishment Report**---- The annual accomplishment report for 2016 that Jeff Weiss completed and sent to the State of New Jersey has now been approved.
- **Tree City USA Renewal**----- The application for renewal of Tree City USA status has been completed and submitted to the State of New Jersey.
- **New Business**-----Joanne Boretti asked whether the public is getting any information about what trees are being recommended to replace the ash trees now subject to removal because of the Emerald Ash Borer. Ellen Simonetti invited members of the committee who are interested to attend a conference in October in which that topic will be addressed.
- **Community Garden**-----At this point residents of the township who are interested in becoming members of the Marlboro Community Garden joined the meeting. The group was welcomed by Eric Engel, who summarized the garden’s rules and regulations. Master gardeners offered helpful information to the new gardeners on composting, garden safety, and how to get started. Carolyn Giovanniello, representing the master gardeners of Monmouth County, informed them about programs that might be of interest. Eric Engel alerted them to the impending problem of the Emerald Ash Borer. Finally, Ellen Simonetti gave a brief orientation on procedures for activating their membership for 2017.
- The motion to adjourn was made at 2:15 pm. by Bob Mellert and seconded by Beth Hutter.

The next meeting date will take place on Monday, March 13, 2017 at 7:30pm. in Town Hall.