

## **MARLBORO TOWNSHIP SHADE TREE COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES FROM March 16, 2017**

**Municipal Complex, Room 1, 6:45p.m.**

Meeting was called to order by Jeff Weiss at 6:45 p.m.

Roll Call was taken:

Joanna Boretti—Not Present

Mary Eng –Not Present

Eric Engel –Present

Beth Hutter -- Present

Bob Mellert-- Present

Pat Ondar –Not Present

Ellen Simonetti–Present

Scott Warren--Present

Jeff Weiss –Present

Shari Spero – CME Associates –Not Present

Randi Marder – Councilperson – Not Present

Carolyn Giovanniello – Resident--Present

Opening statement was entered into the record by Jeff Weiss, 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.

The minutes from the February meeting were approved.

### **Open items from the meeting**

- **Five Year Forestry Plan** –The committee has submitted the application to the State of New Jersey for a full grant to help fund our third 5-year plan. Status is still pending.
- **Arbor Day** – Date is set for April 29 at 10:00 a.m. at the Marlboro Community Garden on Tennent Road, at which time a pin oak tree will be planted in the area adjacent to the garden. Mayor Hornik is preparing a proclamation for the occasion and he will be present for the ceremony. Jeff Weiss will order tree seedlings for distribution to attendees who are interested.
- **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 submitted and status remains pending.
- **New Business** – 1. A Township resident has requested that a tree be planted each year in remembrance of Sept. 11, 2001. More information will be gathered about his request and how the committee can accommodate it. 2. Shari Spero from CME is putting together a proposal for the Township Council regarding the upcoming Emerald Ash Borer problem. Discussions will continue during our next meeting.
- **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 Jeff Weiss. Ellen Simonetti gave a brief orientation on the rules and regulations for the garden and on procedures for activating their membership for 2017. Bob Mellert instructed beginner gardeners on how to begin their planning for the growing season.
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

**The next meeting will take place on Monday, April 17, at 7:30 p.m. in Room 2 of the Municipal Complex.**