

MARLBORO TOWNSHIP SHADE TREE COMMITTEE

MINUTES FROM May 22, 2017

Municipal Complex, Room 2, 7:30 p.m.

Meeting was called to order by Jeff Weiss at 7:40 p.m.

Roll Call was taken:

Joanna Boretti—Not Present

Mary Eng –Present

Eric Engel –Present

Beth Hutter --Not Present

Bob Mellert-- Present

Pat Ondar –Not Present

Ellen Simonetti–Present

Scott Warren—Not Present

Jeff Weiss –Present

Shari Spero – CME Associates – Present

Randi Marder – Councilperson –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 April 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. Jeff Weiss indicated that we have received verbal approval for \$3000 dollars and will ask for a matching amount from the Township by way of in-kind services when the paperwork is completed.
- **Arbor Day** – This event took place on April 29th at 10am at the Marlboro Community Garden on Tennent Road, at which time a pin oak tree was planted in the area adjacent to the garden. Mayor Hornik read a proclamation for the occasion and pails, shovels, tote bags, and tree seedlings were distributed to interested attendees.
- **Memorial Day Parade**—Thanks to Mary Eng for her work on parade day and to the members of the committee who marched and carried the Shade Tree Committee banner. The committee agreed that next year that the members of the Marlboro Community Garden be invited to march with the committee, and that a sign identifying the garden be made and displayed. Eric Engel agreed to have the sign made.
- **Beautification Day**—The date is June 10th and the committee is arranging to plant marigolds around the Marlboro Community Garden sign on Tennent Road. The plants are being donated by Harry Cross of Morganville Flower Farm. The committee along with the Green Team Committee will once again help sponsor the poster contest with Barnes & Noble gift cards for the winners.
- **Community Garden**—1. Ellen Simonetti reported that the first pot-luck event was successful, with 19 families attending. The next pot-luck is scheduled for July 9th weather permitting. 2. The committee approved a recommendation to contribute to the funding of the bulletin board and compost bin project, which is being carried out by Eagle Scout Jack Chazotte. 3. Wood chips have been ordered by DPW for the back part of the garden. 4. The pollinator garden, originally planned for the back, will move to the cut-out area on the east side of the garden because the back is too soggy for planting directly into the ground.
- **Marlboro Day**—The date is September 10th from noon to 5pm. The committee will distribute tree seedlings and other relevant information about trees.
- **Other items**—Shari Spero recommended that the committee advertise the use of the following website as a good source of information about the emerald ash borer: www.nj.gov/agriculture. Type in “emerald ash borer action kit”. The committee will arrange to make this the focus of its table at Marlboro Day. Also, Shari expressed concern that many Township residents are unaware of the problems created by having their trees topped. The committee will also look for handouts or a poster to deal with this subject at Marlboro Day.

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm.
- **The next meeting will take place on June 19th at 730pm in room 2 of the Municipal Complex.**