

MARLBORO TOWNSHIP SHADE TREE COMMITTEE

MINUTES FROM June 19, 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-- Present

Mary Eng –Present

Eric Engel –Not Present

Beth Hutter -- 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 –Not 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 May meeting were approved.

Open items from the meeting

- **Five Year Forestry Plan**—The grant proposal to fund our third five-year forestry plan has been approved for \$3000, but the paperwork has not yet been signed. A request for a matching grant from the township will be placed before the Township Council shortly.
- **Beautification Day**—The date was June 10th and the committee received help from volunteers from the Monmouth Worship Center and the Girl Scouts in planting around the Marlboro Community Garden sign on Tennent Road and in the newly constructed pollinator garden. Ellen Simonetti gave a brief instruction to all the volunteers on how and why to plant.
- **Emerald Ash Borer**—In response to a report by Shari Spero regarding the impending threat of emerald ash borer, the committee will distribute literature at Marlboro Day alerting the township residents of the problem and possible remedies.
- **Community Garden**—1. Jeff Weiss informed the group that a new folding table and two garden hose reels have been purchased and are now available for the garden. 2. Ellen Simonetti reported that there remains a problem in the back of the garden, where phase three is to be located. Jeff said that he would speak with DPW about what needs to be done to make that space safe and attractive. 3. Ellen also presented plans to implement phase three of the garden. It will require construction of eight 4'x10' beds and fourteen 4'x20' beds. Quotes will be solicited for work to be begun and completed this fall. Currently there are 71 families cultivating 84 plots in the garden, eight more are on the waiting list, and several current gardeners have indicated an interest in renting additional space next year. 4. Jack Chazotte, the Eagle Scout member who is constructing a bulletin board and some additional compost bins for the garden, has completed his work. Siting of the new bulletin board will take place this week.
- **Marlboro Day**—The date is September 10th from noon to 5pm. Rain date is one week later. The committee will distribute tree seedlings and other relevant information about trees.
- **New Business**—Shari Spero informed the committee a new law requires that all tree services be licensed and participate in a program of continuing education. The committee will try to have a list of licensed tree experts available at its table for Marlboro Day.
- The meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.
- **The next meeting will take place on August 28 at 7:30p.m. in Room 2 of the Municipal Complex.**