

MARLBORO TOWNSHIP SHADE TREE COMMITTEE

MINUTES FROM August 28, 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 --Not Present

Eric Engel --Present

Beth Hutter -- Present

Bob Mellert-- Present

Pat Ondar --Present

Ellen Simonetti--Present

Scott Warren--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 placed in the minutes of this meeting.

The minutes from the June meeting were approved.

Open items from the meeting

- Five Year Forestry Plan –The new plan for our third 5-year plan is being written in preparation for submission at the end of the year. Committee members are urged to review the goals listed in the previous 5-year plan, posted on line, and make recommendations for changes. Shari Spero indicated that the committee may wish to include something about the Emerald Ash Borer problem in the plan. Specifically, she indicated that the township will be doing an inventory of ash trees shortly. The committee also discussed adding a tree sale in Marlboro Township to the 5-year plan.
- Community Garden—1. Phase three, consisting of 14 large and 8 small garden plots, will begin soon. Quotes were presented for the construction of the raised beds and for the delivery of garden soil. Jeff Weiss will submit these quotes to the township for approval. 2. The revised Rules and Regulations for 2018 have been approved. 3. The dates proposed for the mandatory membership garden meetings for 2018 are Monday, January 22 at 7:00 p.m., and Sunday, February 11 at 1:00 p.m. 4. Ellen Simonetti is working on an “Open Gates Weekend” for July 14 and 15 of next year in coordination with other community gardens in Monmouth County. 5. The committee gave Ellen permission to enforce the provision in the Marlboro Community Garden “Rules and Regulations” to take over and clean out those plots in the event they are unattended for a long period of time. .
- 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, including information about the Emerald Ash Borer problem. Most of the committee members plan to attend.
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.
- The next meeting will take place on September 18 at 7:30p.m. in Room 2 of the Municipal Complex.