

MARLBORO TOWNSHIP SHADE TREE COMMITTEE
MINUTES FROM September 18, 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 –Not Present

Beth Hutter – Not Present

Bob Mellert-- Present

Pat Ondar – Not 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 place in the minutes of this meeting.

The minutes from the August meeting were approved.

Open items from the meeting

- Five Year Forestry Plan – Shari Spero is writing the new installment for what will be our third 5-year plan, scheduled for submission by the end of the year. Committee members offered suggestions regarding the goals and objectives to be included. Shari also noted that the law requiring that all tree services be registered has now taken effect. It includes a prohibition against topping shade trees.

- Community Garden. 1. Ellen Simonetti reported that a new Eagle Scout initiative in the garden is being pursued. It will include a washing station for removing soil from harvested vegetables. 2. Master Gardeners will be given two plots, without charge, for growing food exclusively for local food pantries. 4. A request to add a free exchange library (bring a book, take a book) was rejected by the committee. 5. Quotes are being received for the removal of several trees on the property of the Marlboro Fire Company. Permission from the Fire Company has been received.

- Marlboro Day—The committee distributed nearly 300 white pine seedlings and other relevant information about trees, including information about the Emerald Ash Borer problem.

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

- The next meeting will take place on October 24 at 7:30 p.m. in Room 2 of the Municipal Complex.