

MARLBORO TOWNSHIP SHADE TREE COMMITTEE
MINUTES FROM December 18, 2017
Municipal Complex, Room 1, 7:30 p.m.

Meeting was called to order by Jeff Weiss at 7:35 p.m.

Roll Call was taken:

Joanna Boretti -- Present

Mary Eng –Present

Beth Hutter – 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 November meeting were approved.

Open items from the meeting:

- Five Year Forestry Plan. Shari Spero will conclude her work on the plan shortly. Jeff Weiss offered to help write another section of the plan. Several committee members have already offered suggested changes. Other committee members were urged to take a last look before completion, whereupon, the information will be uploaded to the website and made available to township residents once the state gives Marlboro Approved Status on the plan.

- Community Garden. 1. Ellen Simonetti reported that phase three of the garden has been completed, and members of the committee are invited to stop by to see the finished product. She also noted that the township's website inviting new gardeners has now been updated for 2018. The first of two mandatory meetings for new and returning gardeners will be held in Town Hall on Monday, January 22, at 7:00 p.m.

New Business

The 2017 Annual Accomplishment Report, prepared by Jeff Weiss, has been completed ahead of the filing deadline of February 15 and has been submitted to the township. Jeff has also finished work on the Tree City USA re-certification application for 2018 which has been submitted to the state.

Ellen Simonetti will investigate preparing a plaque to designate the "Space Shuttle Tree" near the 9/11 Memorial Garden. The tree, now growing well, was germinated in space as part of a science experiment.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m. The next meeting has been set for January 22 at 6:30 p.m. in Town Hall.