

MARLBORO TOWNSHIP SHADE TREE COMMITTEE
MINUTES FROM MARCH 26, 2018, 7:30 PM
TOWN HALL KITCHEN

Meeting was called to order by Ellen Simonetti at 7:30 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— Not Present

Shari Spero – CME Associates – Present

Randi Marder – Councilperson –Not Present

Joseph Raza, Christine Raza, Ken Chazotte, guests from Boy Scout Troop 85, Marlboro Township

Opening statement was entered into the record by Ellen Simonetti, 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 February meeting were approved.

Community Garden

a) Project proposal from Scout Joseph Raza, Troop 85, for two garden wash stands in the Marlboro Community Garden was distributed to the committee. After a few clarifications and suggestions, the project was unanimously approved by the committee, with thanks to Joseph for undertaking this project on behalf of the garden.

b) Ellen Simonetti reported that as of today only six small plots remain to be rented. Already 80 families have obtained plots for the coming year.

c) DPW was thanked for their work in spreading wood chips throughout the common area in the garden. They will be addressing the need for paving between the parking lot and the entrance for handicapped gardeners, and for smoothing out some areas that are uneven.

d) Shari Spero reported that she has discovered more Emerald Ash Borer in the township. She hopes to submit her survey of the ash population to the township shortly, so they can inform residents of the alternatives available to them in dealing with this problem.

e) The committee discussed the importance of saving two prominent ash trees in the township recreational area. Bob Mellert will draft a letter to the township asking them to arrange for an inoculation program to save these trees.

Open Items

a) Dino Day is April 22, from noon to 2:30 p.m. Bob Mellert, Ellen Simonetti and Mary Eng will represent the committee. Other members are welcomed to join. Mary Eng and Ellen Simonetti will prepare materials for an activity for children who visit our table.

b) Arbor Day is April 28 at 11:30 a.m. in the Community Garden. The mayor will be present to read the annual proclamation; two pin oaks will be planted; and volunteer Boy and Girl Scout members will help with distributing "tubelings" and planting several donated trees. Former committee chair Jeff Weiss will be our invited Master of Ceremonies.

c) Marlboro Beautification Day is scheduled for May 12 at 9:00 a.m. It will include planting annuals around the Community Garden. Committee members are urged to participate in all the above activities.

d) Marlboro's Memorial Day celebration will be on May 20. Committee members will march in the parade that starts at 2:00 p.m. Members of the community garden will also be invited to join the parade.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m. The next meeting has been set for April 23 at 7:30 p.m., in the Court House of Marlboro Town Hall.