

MARLBORO TOWNSHIP SHADE TREE COMMITTEE

MINUTES FROM APRIL 23, 2018, 7:30 PM

TOWN HALL/COURT HOUSE, 7:30 PM

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

Cub Scout Pack 86 -- guests

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 March meeting were approved.

Chair's Report

1. Ellen Simonetti welcomed Cub Scout Pack 86 to observe and participate in the meeting.

2. The Certificate of Approval for the 3rd 5-year forestry Community Management Plan was received, representing the years 2018 to 2022. We also received a box of materials from the Arbor Society, which acknowledged that Marlboro Township has again received Tree City status for this year.
3. The Committee was represented at Dino Day on April 21 by Ellen Simonetti, Bob Mellert, and Mary Eng. Tubes of white pine saplings were distributed and several activities for children were offered.
4. Committee members and their guests will be invited to participate in a tour of the David C. Shaw Arboretum in Holmdel Park, date to be determined.
5. A list of licensed Monmouth County arborists is available from the Master Gardeners at 4000 Kozloski Road, Freehold.

Open Items

1. Arbor Day is this Saturday, 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 white pine “tubelings” and planting several donated trees. Former committee chair Jeff Weiss will be our invited Master of Ceremonies.
2. Marlboro’s Memorial Day celebration will be on May 20. Committee members will march in the parade that starts at 1:30 p.m. Members of the community garden will also be invited to join the parade.
3. Marlboro Beautification Day has been rescheduled for June 2 at 9:00 a.m. It will include activities at the Community Garden
4. Special signage for the tree that was germinated in space by astronauts is being arranged with the help of the Recreation Department and the township administration. Former chair Jeff Weiss was responsible for having the tree donated to Marlboro Township.

5. The request of the committee to preserve two ash trees in the township recreation area is still under review. A quote for the price of the required inoculations is being sought.

6. The committee agreed unanimously to pursue the availability of fee scholarships for membership in the Marlboro Community Garden for those in financial need. There are several steps required before this amendment to the garden fee structure can legally be implemented.

Community Garden

Ellen Simonetti announced the Marlboro Community Garden now has 84 families gardening in 103 plots. Only three more plots remain.

A common herb plot has been planted with the help of nine gardeners, who have volunteered to maintain the plot. Any member of the garden will be able to take some herbs from that plot once there is something to harvest.

Boy Scout Joseph Raza, who proposed to build two wash stands in the Marlboro Community Garden at the last meeting, has raised most of the needed funds, and he will begin work on May 5. Once completed, gardeners will be able to wash their produce and their hands before leaving the garden.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. after answering several questions posed by the Cub Scouts and their parents. The next meeting has been set for May 21, room to be determined.