

MARLBORO TOWNSHIP SHADE TREE COMMITTEE
Minutes from June 25, 2018, 7:30 PM
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, ROOM 2, 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

Elliot Gross—Present

Beth Hutter – Not Present

Bob Mellert-- Present

Pat Ondar – Present

Ellen Simonetti – Present

Shari Spero – CME Associates –Present

Randi Marder – Councilperson –Not Present

Juanita Lamaute –Guest

Gregory Dube'--Guest

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 May meeting were approved.

EAB Notification and Treatment

1. Two ash trees in the Marlboro recreation area have been treated for Emerald Ash Borer and two other trees are scheduled for treatment. This procedure is expected to inoculate them from damage from the EAB.

2. A letter notifying township residents of the hazards of this insect on ash trees is being created by Joanna Boretti. She will contact Jon Capp for further information about whether funds are available to help township

residents replant where ash trees have been removed. The committee will review the letter via email when it is completed.

Chair's Report

1. Jack Chazotte, who built our bulletin board, will be awarded his Eagle Scout designation next month.
2. The committee received a thank you certificate from the veterans of Marlboro for our participation in the Memorial Day celebration.
3. The history of the community garden is being revised.

Open Items

1. Elliot Gross will officially become a new committee member as soon as he takes his oath of allegiance.
1. Marlboro Beautification Day is scheduled for September 16 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Committee members are urged to keep this date open so they can volunteer at the Shade Tree Committee table.
2. A plaque is being crafted for the white pine tree (*Pinus strobus*) that had been germinated in space. When the plaque is ready, a small dedication ceremony will take place at the tree's location adjacent to the 9-11 Memorial Garden. The official framed certificate of germination will be hung at Town Hall.

Community Garden

1. A butterfly way-station has been planted in the rear left corner of the garden with ten milkweed plants donated by Harry Cross of Morganville Flower Farm. Joanna Boretti will oversee the maintenance of this garden.
2. An open house at the garden is being arranged by several of the Master Gardener members for Saturday, July 14, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Members of the general public who are interested in how a Community Garden functions are invited to stop by.
3. The second pot-luck of the gardening season will be on Sunday, August 26, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. The first pot luck took place on Saturday, June 9, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the garden.
4. A portable toilet to serve the gardeners will be installed shortly. A discussion on how to make it more aesthetically appealing was postponed until the mechanics of maintenance are known.
5. Students from Collier School will again be invited to volunteer in the garden after the portable toilet is installed.

6. The compost system is working well. Due to the help of many gardeners, three of the four stations have been sifted and reorganized.
7. Beth Hutter has prepared laminated signage for the garden. They will be installed shortly.
8. Ellen Simonetti suggested that the committee begin thinking about any changes to the garden bylaws, which need to be finalized by September. The possibility of a fee waiver for anyone unable to make payment is being initiated.
9. The committee agreed to give Ellen Simonetti permission to enforce the forfeiture penalty in the bylaws for one gardener who has not planted his two plots.

Next meeting

Our next meeting date is Monday, July 30, at 7:30 p.m. in the Township Complex. This is a change from the fourth Monday to the last Monday of the month.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m