

MARLBORO TOWNSHIP SHADE TREE COMMITTEE

MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 18, 2016

Municipal Complex-1pm

Meeting is called to order at 1pm

Roll Call was taken

Joanna Boretti- Present

Mary Eng –Present

Eric Engel –Present

Bob Mellert-Present

Pat Ondar –Present

Debi Richards –Present

Ellen Simonetti-Present

Scott Warren- Present

Jeff Weiss – Present

Shari Spero – CME Associates –Not Present

Randi Marder – Councilperson –Present

Opening statement is read 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.

A motion to approve the minutes from the August meeting was made by Debi Richards and seconded by Pat Ondar.

Open items from the meeting

- **Five Year Forestry Plan** –Status remains the same. The committee is on track to meet its goals. Joanna Boretti continues to research on goal #5, the tree preservation ordinance.
- **Beautification Day** – Will take place in October
- **Marlboro Day**- The committee participated at Marlboro Day. Tubling trees were distributed and literature on area tree species and how to care for trees were available.
- **Community Garden** – Ellen Simonetti gave a full report on all the activity happening at the garden. Vegetables from our Food Bank and PAR plots continue to be donated on a weekly basis. Phase two of garden expansion is underway. We discussed having a bulletin board. Mary Eng will speak to the Eagle Scouts about constructing the board which will be placed outside the garden near the main entrance. A team of high school children is being formed to help pull weeds in the garden. A pot luck lunch (including vegetables from the garden) is scheduled for Saturday, September 24, at 12 noon for all the gardeners. Ellen sent out an email to all the gardeners inviting them.
- The New Jersey Tree Federation’s annual meeting will take place in Atlantic City on October, 28th and 29th. A few members of the committee are still interested in attending on October 28th.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 2pm by Robert Mellert and seconded by Eric Engel.

The next meeting date will take place on Monday, October 17th