

MARLBORO TOWNSHIP SHADE TREE COMMITTEE

MINUTES FROM January 26, 2017

Municipal Complex, Town Hall, 7:00p.m.

Meeting was called to order by Jeff Weiss at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call was taken:

Joanna Boretti--Present

Mary Eng --Present

Eric Engel --Present

Beth Hutter -- Present

Bob Mellert-- Present

Pat Ondar --Present

Ellen Simonetti--Present

Scott Warren- Not Present

Jeff Weiss -- Present

Shari Spero -- CME Associates --Present

Randi Marder -- Councilperson -- 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 December meeting were approved.

Open items from the meeting

- **Five Year Forestry Plan** –Jeff Weiss has submitted the application with the State of New Jersey for a full grant to help fund our third 5-year plan.
- **Arbor Day** – Date is set for April 29 at the Marlboro Community Garden on Tennent Road, at which time a tree will be planted in the area adjacent to the garden.
- **Annual Accomplishment Report**—Jeff Weiss completed and sent to the State of New Jersey the annual accomplishment report for 2016.
- **Tree City USA Renewal**-- The application for renewal of Tree City USA status has been completed and sent to the State of New Jersey.
- **New Business** –Shari Spero previewed the problem that Marlboro faces with the removal or inoculation of all ash trees located within the township due to the presence of Emerald Ash Borer in Monmouth County. Randi Marder will take up the issue with the appropriate Township personnel.
- **Community Garden**-- At this point residents of the township who are interested in becoming members of the Marlboro Community Garden joined the meeting. The group was welcomed by Jeff Weiss; rules and regulations were presented; Master Gardeners offered helpful information to the new gardeners; Shari Spero informed them of the impending problem of the Emerald Ash Borer, and Ellen Simonetti gave a brief orientation on procedures for becoming an active member for 2017.
- Jeff Weiss adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

The next meeting will take place on Sunday, February 12, at 12:30 p.m. in the Town Hall