

**MARLBORO TOWNSHIP SHADE TREE COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES FROM April 17, 2017**

**Municipal Complex, Room 2, 7:00p.m.**

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

Roll Call was taken:

Joanna Boretta—Present

Mary Eng –Present

Eric Engel –Not Present

Beth Hutter --Not Present

Bob Mellert-- Present

Pat Ondar –Present

Ellen Simonetti—Present

Scott Warren--Present

Jeff Weiss –Present

Shari Spero – CME Associates – Present

Randi Marder – Councilperson – Not Present

Maureen Puricelli, resident---Present

Jack Chazotte, resident---Present

Ken Chazotte, resident---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 March meeting were approved.

### **Open items from the meeting**

- **Five Year Forestry Plan** –The committee has submitted the application to the State of New Jersey for a full grant to help fund our third 5-year plan and has received verbal approval.
- **Arbor Day** – Date is set for April 29 at 10:00 a.m. at the Marlboro Community Garden on Tennent Road, at which time a pin oak tree will be planted in the area adjacent to the garden. Mayor Hornik has prepared a proclamation for the occasion and he will be present for the ceremony. Jeff Weiss has ordered 200 tree seedlings for distribution to attendees who are interested.
- **Annual Accomplishment Report**—The annual accomplishment report for 2016 that Jeff Weiss completed and sent to the State of New Jersey has now been approved.
- **Tree City USA Renewal**-- The application for renewal of Tree City USA status has been approved for the ninth consecutive year. A flag, a hat, and several poster strips have been received for publicity purposes.
- **Earth Day**—Date and time are set for April 22, 12:00-2:00pm. at Whole Foods. The committee will assist with activities for the children. Information about tree benefits and problems will be available, and tree seedlings, pails and shovels will be distributed by members of the committee.
- **Marlboro Dinosaur Day**---Date and time are set for April 23, 12:00-2:30pm. at the Recreation Center. Seedlings, pails and shovels will be distributed.
- **Beautification Day**---Date and time are set for May 20, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Recreation Center.
- **Community Garden**—
  1. Eagle Scout Jack Chazotte presented his proposal to build a bulletin board and four new free-standing bins for holding brown materials for composting. After several suggestions were made, the plan was enthusiastically accepted by the committee. Completion is anticipated for the end of May or sometime in June. Jack will receive assistance from other Eagle Scout volunteers and his father, Ken Chazotte.
  2. The committee set Arbor Day, April 29, as the last date for gardeners to pay the required fee. Any plots that have not been rented by that date will be reassigned to someone on the waiting list.

3. Maureen Puricelli presented a plan for the pollinator garden plot, illustrating proposed plantings with a poster. Some of the plantings will be purchased, others will be donated.

**New Business—**

1. Bob Mellert presented highlights of the Shade Tree Spring forum, held on Wednesday, March 29, at the Fire Academy. Other Shade Tree Committee members in attendance were Ellen Simonetti and Beth Hutter.
2. Shari Spero is putting together a proposal for the Township Council regarding the upcoming Emerald Ash Borer problem. Shari updated the committee on what is happening in Manalapan Township and why it is important for Marlboro to educate its residents on the options for dealing with this blight before it arrives.

**Adjournment—**The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

**The next meeting will take place on Monday, May 22, at 7:30 p.m. in Room 2 of the Municipal Complex.**