

MARLBORO TOWNSHIP SHADE TREE COMMITTEE
MINUTES FROM November 28, 2017
Municipal Complex, Room 1, 7:30 p.m.

Meeting was called to order by Jeff Weiss at 7:35 p.m.

Roll Call was taken:

Joanna Boretti -- Present

Mary Eng – Not Present

Beth Hutter – Present

Bob Mellert-- Present

Pat Ondar – Not Present

Ellen Simonetti – Present

Scott Warren—Present

Jeff Weiss –Present

Shari Spero – CME Associates – Present

Randi Marder – Councilperson –Not 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 October meeting were approved.

Announcements: Eric Engel, who has served the committee for several years, has tendered his resignation. Jeff Weiss, chairperson, who has also served for 9 years, has submitted a letter of resignation effective December 31. The mayor will appoint a new chair, whose tenure will start in January, 2018.

Open items from the meeting:

- Five Year Forestry Plan. Shari Spero will continue to work on the final section of the report. Several committee members have already offered suggested changes to the first section. Upon completion and approval the information will be uploaded to the website and made available to township residents.

Shari also presented a map of the township on which is indicated the location of ash trees that will need to be either treated for Emerald Ash Borer or removed. She still has a few neighborhoods to investigate. Some of the ash trees are on township property, and DPW has expressed concern about the cost and effectiveness of treatment. More specific information regarding options is needed before a plan can be developed.

The STC budget is currently being developed for the next fiscal year

- Community Garden. 1. Ellen Simonetti reported that construction of phase three of the garden has begun and is expected to be completed by week's end. Soil, lumber, and shredded leaves have been delivered to the garden, and the contractor has already begun work. When finished, there will be 106 garden plots, of which 30 are currently still available. Jeff Weiss will ask the township to send an email invitation to township residents to apply for these open plots. 2. Permission has been obtained to remove several weedy trees on the adjacent fire house property. One additional document is needed before the work can begin. 3. A handicapped-accessible path from the parking area to the main gate has been requested and is scheduled to be implemented in early spring. A drainage problem at the far end of the parking lot may be addressed at the same time.

New Business

The 2017 Annual Accomplishment Report is being prepared by Jeff Weiss and will be completed before the filing deadline of February 15, 2018. Jeff is also finishing work on the Tree City USA re-certification application for 2018.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m. The next meeting has been set for December 18th at 7:30 p.m. in Room 1 of the Municipal Complex.