

MARLBORO TOWNSHIP SHADE TREE COMMITTEE

MINUTES FROM MAY 21, 2018, 7:30 PM

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, ROOM 2, 7:30 PM

Meeting was called to order by Ellen Simonetti at 7:40 p.m.

Roll Call was taken:

Joanna Boretti -- Present

Mary Eng – Present

Beth Hutter – Not Present

Bob Mellert-- Present

Pat Ondar – Present

Ellen Simonetti – Present

Shari Spero – CME Associates – Not Present

Randi Marder – Councilperson –Not Present

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 April meeting were approved.

Chair's Report

1. Ellen Simonetti announced that Scott Warren has resigned from the Committee for personal reasons. Several possible replacements were discussed. The committee agreed that she should put forward the name of Elliot Gross to the Mayor as a possible new member.

2. Bob Mellert, Ellen Simonetti and Elliot Gross represented the Committee in the Memorial Day parade on May 20.
3. Twelve trees were planted in the field adjacent to the Community Garden during the Arbor Day ceremony on April 28. Jeffrey Weiss, the former Committee chair, stood in for the Mayor and read the proclamation.
4. Ellen Simonetti and Bob Mellert completed the Core training program for Shade Tree Committee members at Rutgers Gardens on May 5.

Open Items

1. Marlboro Beautification Day has been postponed to a fall dated not yet determined. As a result, the pollinator garden and front display garden at the Marlboro Community Garden, which has relied on help from volunteer organizations on that day, will be soliciting assistance from the Boy Scouts.
2. A plaque has been designed 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 its location adjacent to the 9-11 Memorial Garden.
3. Shari Spero has completed her survey of the Ash tree population in Marlboro Township. She has also prepared a map indicating where these trees are located. A letter is being prepared to mail to all homeowners who have Ash trees on their property. Johanna Boretti will contact Shari for clarification on some items in the draft copy.
4. Ellen Simonetti suggested that the Committee needs a better form of identification at township events. A table runner with "Shade Tree Committee" is one option; using the Tree City Flag is another. Further discussion will take place at the next meeting.
5. Collier School has again volunteered to help the Committee if there is a suitable project for them to undertake. One suggestion was the construction of additional benches for the Marlboro Community Garden. More discussion on this item will take place next week

Community Garden

1. Ellen Simonetti announced that two wash stations have been completed by Joseph Raza and his team as part of his Eagle Scout requirements.
2. A butterfly way-station has been planted by Johanna Boretti, but it may have been compromised by the rainfall that flooded the area.
3. There will be five or six donation plots in the Community Garden.
4. A portable toilet has been requested by several gardeners. Mary Eng will contact Adrian Spota about a permanent rental.
5. The first pot-luck of the gardening season will be on Saturday, June 9, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
6. Our next meeting date is Monday, June 25, at 7:30 p.m. in the Township Complex.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m