

MARLBORO TOWNSHIP SHADE TREE COMMITTEE
Minutes from July 30, 2018, 7:30 PM
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, ROOM 2, 7:30 PM

Meeting was called to order by Ellen Simonetti at 7:30 p.m.

Roll Call was taken:

Joanne Boretti -- Present

Mary Eng – Not Present

Elliot Gross—Present

Beth Hutter – Present

Bob Mellert-- Present

Pat Ondar – Not Present

Ellen Simonetti – Present

Shari Spero – CME Associates –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 June meeting were approved.

Chair's Report

1. As of the end of July, the STC has generated 575 volunteer hours donated by 102 volunteers.
2. Elliot Gross will take his oath of office this week. His membership on the committee has already been approved by the mayor.

Open Items

1. The letter about Emerald Ash Borer has been drafted, and a few changes have been recommended before it is mailed to the residents of Marlboro Township. The letter contains information about the pest and possible remedies, and guidance as to what residents can do about the

problem. Joanne Boretti and Shari Spero will follow up with Jon Capp of the Township administration.

2. The STC budget for 2019 is being developed. Several additions to the Community Garden section were suggested. The Chair will be working with the township to put the document in proper form.

3. Marlboro Day is September 16, from 1:00 to 4:00. Set-up begins at 1:00 p.m.

Community Garden

1. A two-day training program for maintaining a monarch butterfly way station has been approved for one member of the committee. Joanne Boretti will attend on August 27 and 28 in Freehold.

2. The committee suggested requesting three cubic yards of brown shredded hardwood mulch for use in the perennial gardens. Ellen Simonetti will look at one possible source to evaluate the quality of the product.

3. Rohan Patel of Marlboro Boy Scout Troop 85 has offered to build a pergola for the garden as his Eagle Scout project. Several approvals will be necessary before the plan can be implemented.

4. New locks have been suggested for the garden to make access easier and more secure. More information will be available at the next meeting.

5. A realtor's box is being sought for the garden brochure recently developed by Jane Sims, a member of the garden.

6. Members of the committee were asked to look closely at the Rules and Regulations for the garden, and to note where changes may be warranted. This will be on the agenda for discussion at the next meeting.

7. Attendance at the Open Gates event hosted by the Master Gardeners on July 14 is as follows: 12 Marlboro Community Gardeners, 10 members of the general public, and two visiting Master Gardeners. Four new applications for membership in next year's garden were received in response to the event.

8. Ellen Simonetti will explore the possibility of assisting members with purchases of garlic and soil amendments.

9. The next Pot-luck will be held Sunday, August 26, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the garden.

Next meeting

Our next meeting date is Monday, August, 27, at 7:30 p.m. in the Township Complex.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m