

MARLBORO TOWNSHIP SHADE TREE COMMITTEE
Minutes from August 27, 2018, 7:30 PM
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, ROOM 2

Meeting was called to order by Ellen Simonetti at 7:35 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 –Not Present

Randi Marder – Councilperson –Not Present

Juanita LaMaute, guest – 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 July meeting were approved.

Chair's Report

As of the end of August, the STC has generated 725 volunteer hours, valued at approximately \$18,000. About 200 pounds of produce from the community garden have been donated to local food banks already this year.

Open Items

1. Information about Emerald Ash Borer has been posted on the Marlboro website. A map will also be posted shortly, indicating where the problem trees are located. A letter, to be mailed shortly to the residents of Marlboro

Township, will provide additional information. Meanwhile, Shari Spero may call the various Home Owner Association presidents to provide them with a heads-up.

2. The STC budget for 2019 has been submitted

3. Marlboro Day is September 16, from 12:00 to 5:00 p.m. Set-up begins at 11:00 a.m. Tubelings will be ordered for distribution at the event. The themes for the STC table will be the Emerald Ash Borer and efforts to help sustain the monarch butterfly population.

4. On a date yet to be determined, there will be an official installation of the plaque marking the location of a white pine that was germinated from a seed taken into space. The certificate of authenticity will be mounted and hung in the township office.

Community Garden

1. A two-day training program for maintaining a monarch butterfly way station is being attended by Joanne Boretti, who maintains the monarch way station in the Community Garden. A concern was raised about the use of herbicides at the outer perimeter of the garden and its effect on the butterfly larvae (as well as the gardeners). Ellen Simonetti will gather more information about what products are being used and their safety.

2. Three cubic yards of brown shredded hardwood mulch have been spread in the perennial gardens and the monarch way station. Beth Hutter recommended that next year 10 yards should be ordered, because three yards was inadequate.

3. A new lock, which is recommended for outdoor use, has been installed at the gate. The old lock is now used for the shed.

5. A realtor's box has been installed for the garden brochure recently developed by Jane Sims, a member of the garden. It is a donation of Anaita Tarapore Realty.

6. Members of the committee spent time reviewing the Rules and Regulations for the garden, and several changes were suggested. A revision will be brought to the next meeting for final approval.

7. No new information is available on the status of the next Eagle Scout project, which will be a pergola.

8. A problem regarding the proper disposal of weeds and dead plant materials has been resolved.

9. Seventeen gardeners attended the pot-luck on Sunday, August 26.

Next meeting

Our next meeting date is Monday, September 24, at 7:30 p.m. in the Township Complex.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.