

MARLBORO TOWNSHIP SHADE TREE COMMITTEE
Minutes from January 27, 2019, 12:30 PM
Town Hall

Meeting was called to order by Ellen Simonetti at 12:30 p.m.

Roll Call was taken:

Joanne Boretti -- Present

Mary Eng – Not Present

Elliot Gross -- Present

Beth Hutter – Present

Bob Mellert-- Present

Pat Ondar – Present

Ellen Simonetti – Present

Shari Spero – CME Associates -- Not Present

Randi Marder – Councilperson –Not Present

Juanita Lamaute--Guest

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 November meeting were approved.

Chair's Report

1. The Township has extended the tenure of Shade Tree Committee members to three years, after which members who wish to continue to serve must renew their oath of office. The term of the chair is one year. This year Ellen Simonetti (as chair) and Pat Ondar are scheduled to renew.

2. Information for the annual report to the New Jersey Shade Tree Federation and the application for Tree City USA have been submitted to the township. Membership fees for the NJSTF have been paid.

Open Items

At the request of the NJSTF, the committee discussed the Vegetation Management Response Act (S2505/A2558), which is scheduled to go to a vote in the NJ State Senate later this week. The committee was unanimous in their support for a letter to Sen. Declan O'Scanlon expressing our opposition to the legislation. A draft letter circulated to the committee prior to the meeting was approved and will be sent to Sen. O'Scanlon's office by the secretary.

Community Garden

1. The Master Gardeners of Monmouth County have requested that the Marlboro Community Garden participate in a program to open the garden to visitors on the mornings of July 13 and 14. The committee unanimously approved this request, and Juanita Lamaute will forward this information to the MGMC organization.
2. A pergola has been proposed for the front cut-out of the MCG. Rohan Patel is working on plans that will be presented to the committee in a subsequent meeting. If approved, he will use the project as part of his requirements to become an Eagle Scout.
3. Ellen Simonetti has completed an update of the history of the garden. She will submit her work to the committee at the next meeting.
4. Currently, the Community Garden has 17 families on the waiting list for a plot. The membership of the 2019 garden will be determined after the two mandatory meetings, the second of which will be February 4.
5. Members of the Community Garden joined the committee for the remainder of the meeting.

Next meeting

Our next meeting date is Monday, February 25, at 7:30 p.m. in the Administration Complex, Room 2.

Adjournment was at 1:45 p.m.