

MARLBORO TOWNSHIP SHADE TREE COMMITTEE
Minutes from July 29, 2019, 7:30 PM
Administrative Complex, Room 1

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 – Not Present

Juanita Lamaute—Present

Bob Mellert-- Present

Pat Ondar – Not Present

Venkatesh Patrachari-- Not 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 June meeting were approved after a brief discussion.

Chair's Report

1. Juanita Lamaute and Venkatesh Patrachari have both signed their oath of allegiance and have become official members of the committee, bringing our membership to nine.
2. Ellen Simonetti read a note of appreciation from our former chairman, Jeff Weiss, upon receiving a beautiful glass sculpture for his leadership during ten years of the township's participation in Tree City U.S.A.
3. The Shade Tree Committee has accumulated over 800 hours of

volunteer service to the township as of today's meeting.

Old Business

1. The committee discussed the township ordinances that pertain to acquiring a permit for the removal of trees, which was obtained for the committee by Joanne Boretti. As a result of the discussion Bob Mellert moved that the committee adopt the following resolution: "Resolved, 1) that the conservation officer shall make a monthly report to the committee on the activity of the application and disposition of permits regarding tree removal within the township, and 2) that the report include addresses of properties where the trees were/are located." The motion was seconded by Joanne Boretti and passed unanimously.
2. The Marlboro Farmers' Market is now open for business every Sunday since its official opening on June 30. The Shade Tree Committee had an information table at the grand opening.
3. The Master Gardener open house event on July 13 and 14 at the Marlboro Community Garden attracted about 10 guests, several of whom expressed interest in applying for a plot in the garden next year.

New Business

1. National Farmers' Market Week is August 4 to 11. Plans for the event have not yet been settled.
2. Juanita Lamaute will give a short report on two conferences she is attending regarding the support and protection of butterflies as it pertains to our community garden.

Community Garden

1. Ellen Simonetti reminded members of the committee that a purchase order is necessary before any expenditure of the committee's budget is possible.
2. Ani Singh will meet with Ellen Simonetti on Wednesday to review the Eagle Scout project he is planning. The project will help the garden with the addition of two new raised beds dedicated to butterfly preservation.
3. Students from Collier School visited the garden. After a short

educational tour, they helped with weed control by spreading cardboard anchored with wood chips. They will visit again this week to continue that project.

3. Weed control continues to be an issue in the garden. The abundant rainfall has encouraged their growth, and gardeners are constantly being reminded to keep them in check.

4. Garlic harvested from the Master Gardener donation plot won the blue ribbon at the Monmouth County Fair, thanks to the efforts of Beth Hutter and Juanita Lamaute. A picture of the winning entry and the diligent gardeners will soon appear on the garden bulletin board.

Next meeting

Our next meeting date is Monday, August 26, at 7:30 p.m. in the Administration Complex.

Adjournment was at 8:20 p.m.