

MARLBORO TOWNSHIP SHADE TREE COMMITTEE

MINUTES from May 16, 2016

Municipal Complex-Room 2-7:30pm

Meeting is called to order at 7:30 pm

Roll Call was taken

Joanna Boretti- Present

Mary Eng –Present

Eric Engel –Present

Pat Ondar –Present

Debi Richards –Not Present

Scott Warren –Present

Ellen Simonetti-Present

Robert Mellert-Present

Jeff Weiss – Present

Shari Spero – CME Associates – Present

Randi Marder – Councilperson – Present

Opening statement is read by Jeff Weiss, 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 place in the minutes of this meeting.

We welcomed new committee members, Ellen Simonetti and Robert Mellert.

Proposed Tree Park

Status remains the same. The State continues the cleanup of the Marlboro Psychiatric Property. The property will be preserved as a park. A proposal was made to have a section of the park used to plant memorial trees.

Open items from the January meeting

- **Five Year Forestry Plan** –Status remains the same. The committee is on track with its goals. The Annual Accomplishment report was submitted to the state. Received Approved Status.
- **Arbor Day 2016**– Arbor Day 2016 took place at the community garden on Saturday, April 30th. The Mayor read a proclamation, a tree was planted, and seedlings were distributed to all who attended.
- **Community Garden** – The grand opening of the garden took place on Saturday, April 30th. The mayor read a proclamation. All 50 plots are rented. Most of the gardeners have planted in their plots. The rules and regulations are being followed by all. Communication between the shade tree committee and the gardeners has made the garden experience a huge success. (Thanks to Ellen Simonetti) Ellen gave a progress report to the committee outlining all the garden activities. The idea of cooking classes at Whole Foods was discussed.
- Marlboro participated with New Jersey's Tree Recovery Campaign. 500 free Seedlings were distributed to our residents over a two day period, May 6th and May 7th.

New Business–

The Memorial Day Parade will take place on Sunday, May 22nd. The Shade Tree committee will once again march and show their continued support for our Veterans. The threat of the Emerald Ash Borer was discussed. Beautification day will take place in the fall. Marlboro day will take place on September 18th between noon and 5pm at the Municipal complex.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 9:15pm by Eric Engel and seconded by Pat Ondar.

The next meeting date will take place on Tuesday June 28, 2016 at 7:30pm