

MARLBORO TOWNSHIP SHADE TREE COMMITTEE
Minutes from June 24, 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 -- Not 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
Venkatesh Patrachari--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 May meeting were approved.

Chair's Report

1. Juanita Lamaute and Venkatesh Patrachari have both been approved to serve on the Shade Tree Committee and will become official members as soon as they sign the required oath of allegiance.
2. A new greeting card from the Marlboro Community Garden has been developed by Jane Sims, a member of the garden, and the township's Adrienne Spota.
3. Bob Mellert and Ellen Simonetti attended the Eagle Scout Honor

Court for Joseph Raza, who built the sinks for the community garden.

4. The Shade Tree Committee has accumulated over 600 hours of volunteer service to the township as of today's meeting.

Old Business

1. Joanne Boretti requested and received a copy of township ordinances that pertain to acquiring a permit for the removal of trees. A copy of the document is attached to these minutes. The committee will discuss the documents at our next meeting.

2. The Marlboro Farmers' Market will officially open on June 30 with a ribbon cutting by Mayor Hornik at 11:00 a.m. A successful dry-run took place on June 23. The Shade Tree Committee will have an information table at the grand opening.

New Business

National Farmers' Day will be celebrated on August 4 at the Farmers' Market. The Marlboro Community Garden will have a display table at the event.

Community Garden

1. There will be a Master Gardener event at the garden on Saturday and Sunday, July 13 and 14, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. The Master Gardeners will be inviting members of the general public to the Marlboro Community Garden for a tour and to distribute gardening information.

2. Another Eagle Scout project is being developed for the garden that will include the creation of a donation station with cooling facilities to accommodate extra produce destined for local food banks.

3. Township officials are working on the issue of whether and/or how to allow non-gardeners to visit the garden. The issue centers around the fact that it has a public open space designation and also contains privately grown produce protected by a locked gate.

4. Two plots in the garden have been donated back to the garden and have been adopted by two gardener families, who will donate some of the produce to a food bank.

5. So far, 18.5 pounds of produce have been donated to food banks, almost all of which consisted of lettuce and kale.

Next meeting

Our next meeting date is Monday, June 22, at 7:30 p.m. in the Administration Complex, Room 2. (N.B. This is the fourth Monday of June, not the last Monday.)

Adjournment was at 8:15 p.m.