

MARLBORO TOWNSHIP SHADE TREE COMMITTEE
Minutes from November 18, 2019, 7:30 PM
Administrative Complex, Room 2

Meeting was called to order by Ellen Simonetti at 7:30 p.m.

Roll Call was taken:

Joanne Boretti -- Not Present

Mary Eng – Present

Elliot Gross -- Not Present

Beth Hutter – Not Present

Juanita Lamaute -- Present

Bob Mellert -- Present

Pat Ondar – Present

Venkatesh Patrachari -- 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 October meeting were approved.

Chair's Report

1. Ellen Simonetti announced that the committee has accumulated over 1145 hours of volunteer service to the township.

New Business

1. Juanita Lamaute visited the property of one resident who wishes to remove trees from his/her property in response to Shari Spero's request for feedback. Several other committee members said they would also visit the site this week and offer feedback.

2. The usual time for the monthly meetings will be changed to 7:00 p.m. starting in February, 2020. Meetings will again be scheduled for the fourth Monday of each month, except for January (12:30 p.m. on the 26th, before the first Community Garden mandatory orientation), May 18, and November 16. The committee will not meet in December.
3. Ellen Simonetti will begin to prepare the end-of-year report to the Township. Pat Ondar suggested that she note the contribution made by Harry Cross of Morganville Flower Farm to the Marlboro Community Garden.
4. The Committee expressed their thanks to members of the Community Garden who volunteered to water the newly planted trees in the lot adjacent to the parking area.

Community Garden

1. The announcement of the mandatory meetings that members of the Garden must attend on either January 26 or February 3 will be made in the Marlboro Township email "blast."
2. Nancy Rogers, who initiated and organized the communal herb garden plot will not be renting a plot in 2020 but has offered to continue to lead the herb plot. The committee authorized her to continue in the garden as a volunteer member.
3. There are currently two Eagle Scout projects being planned for the garden. One has completed the approval process; the other is still in the planning stage.

Next meeting

There is no meeting scheduled for December. Our next meeting date is Sunday, January 26, at 12:30 p.m. in Town Hall, prior to the Community Garden meeting.

Adjournment was at 8:00 p.m.