

MARLBORO TOWNSHIP SHADE TREE COMMITTEE

MINUTES from January 19, 2016

Municipal Complex-Room 2-7:30pm

Meeting is called to order at 7:30 pm

Roll Call was taken

Joanna Boretti- Present

Sherry Cilea –Not Present

Mary Eng –Present

Eric Engel –Present

Pat Ondar –Present

Debi Richards – Present

Scott Warren – Present

Jeff Weiss – Present

Shari Spero – CME Associates – Present

Randi Marder – Councilperson –Not 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.

A motion to approve the minutes from the December meeting was made by Eric Engel and seconded by Joanna Boretti.

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 October meeting

- **Five Year Forestry Plan** –Status remains the same. The committee is on track with its goals. The Annual Accomplishment report is due by February 15, 2016.
- **Arbor Day 2016**– Arbor Day 2016 will take place at the community garden. Trees will be planted at the site. The Tree City USA renewal application was submitted by the due date of December, 31,2015.
- **Community Garden** –Garden project almost completed. Composting bins are in the process of being built. Hoses and gardening tools have been ordered. The garden sign is ready for pick up and installation will occur shortly. Master Gardeners, Bob Mellert and Ellen Simonetti, have offered to help with the garden, through informal classes and they have generously offered to donate their time on specific days and hours at the garden to assist and help gardeners with questions or concerns. The Community Garden website is being finalized. The website launch rescheduled to early February, 2016. An Email blast from the town announcing the community garden will be sent in early February, 2016

New Business–

The state is offering free tree seedlings again this year. The committee decided to participate with this project. A township announcement will be scheduled for April, 2016

The Monmouth County Shade Tree Commission invited our committee to attend their annual Emerald Ash Borer information session on Wednesday, January 20th at the Monmouth County Fire Academy in Freehold,NJ

Rutgers Gardens is celebrating their 100th year anniversary.

Please visit www.rutgersgardens.rutgers.edu/contact for additional information.

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

The next meeting date will take place on Thursday, February 25, 2016 at 7:30pm