

## **MARLBORO TOWNSHIP SHADE TREE COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES FROM AUGUST 29, 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

Bob Mellert-Present

Pat Ondar –Present

Debi Richards –Not Present

Ellen Simonetti-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 July meeting was made by Bob Mellert and seconded by Mary Eng.

### **Open items from the meeting**

- **Five Year Forestry Plan** –Status remains the same. The committee is on track to meet its goals. Joanna Boretti took the lead on goal #5, the tree preservation ordinance and is still in the research process.
- **Beautification Day** – Will take place in October
- **Marlboro Day**- The committee will participate in Marlboro Day on September 18, 2016. Tubling trees were ordered for distribution while supplies last and literature on area tree species will be available. The committee members will take shifts during the day. The application for participation in Marlboro Day was taken care of by Jeff Weiss.
- **Community Garden** – Ellen Simonetti gave a full report on all the activity happening at the garden. Vegetables from our Food Bank and PAR plots are now being donated on a weekly basis. Phase two of garden expansion was discussed. The Boy Scouts built two tables and benches which will be delivered to the garden within the next several days.
- The committee started a preliminary discussion about bringing Solar LED Lighting to the Community Garden. More fact finding is needed and will be discussed at future meetings.
- The New Jersey Tree Federation’s annual meeting will take place in Atlantic City on October, 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, and 31<sup>st</sup>. A few members of the committee will be attending on October 29<sup>th</sup>.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 9:00pm by Eric Engel and seconded by Pat Ondar.

**The next meeting date will take place on Sunday, September, 18<sup>th</sup>**