

MARLBORO TOWNSHIP SHADE TREE COMMITTEE
Minutes from February 25, 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 -- Present

Mary Eng – Present

Elliot Gross -- 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

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 January meeting were approved.

Chair's Report

1. Ellen Simonetti attended the New Jersey Nursery and Landscape Association conference on January 29 and received two CEU's for this calendar year.
2. Marlboro Township has been recognized as having participated in the TreeCity U.S.A. program for the past 10 years and has received several symbols of that participation, including a new 10-year flag.
3. Membership cards for the New Jersey Urban and Community Forestry Association were distributed to the members. T-shirts and hats will be available for those who want them.

New Business

1. Two River Birch (*Betula nigra*) trees are being ordered for the Arbor Day planting on April 27. Marlboro Boy Scouts will also plant several donated trees in the area to the left of the parking lot. The Girl Scouts have been invited to greet the guests, distribute literature and offer tree “tublings” to those who come to the event.
2. A canopy survey of the township will be done in the coming months using i-tree. This survey is part of the committee’s 5-year Plan.
3. The committee reviewed the proposed 2019 calendar and noted events that require participation by the members. Mary Eng helped to fill in some of the dates that had been listed as uncertain.
4. Photos have been submitted to the township for inclusion in the Shade Tree Committee website on the Township information page. Beth Hutter suggested the possibility of initiating a Facebook website to enhance publicity for the Community Garden.
5. Juanita Lamaute accepted an invitation to become a member of the Shade Tree Committee.

Community Garden

1. For those who were unable to attend either of the two orientation meetings for the 2019 garden, a third meeting will be offered on March 10 at 11:00 a.m. at the garden. Before that meeting Ellen Simonetti will meet with a young horticulture student to explain how the garden functions.
2. No further progress can be reported on the proposed construction of a pergola for the front cut-out of the MCG.
3. Ellen has completed an order to replace worn-out garden tools, including hoses and clippers.
4. Several gardeners have accepted the opportunity for a joint purchase of seed potatoes.
5. A discussion on a possible new location for the portable toilet concluded with the need to do some further investigation.

Next meeting

Our next meeting date is Monday, March 25, at 7:30 p.m. in the Administration Complex, Room 2.

Adjournment was at 8:10 p.m.