

## **MARLBORO TOWNSHIP SHADE TREE COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES FROM November 14, 2016**

**Municipal Complex, Room 2, 7:30p.m.**

Meeting was called to order by Jeff Weiss at 7:40 p.m.

Roll Call was taken:

Joanna Boretti-- Not Present

Mary Eng --Present

Eric Engel – Not Present

Beth Hutter -- Present

Bob Mellert-- Present

Pat Ondar – Not Present

Ellen Simonetti-- Present

Scott Warren- Present

Jeff Weiss – Present

Shari Spero – CME Associates --Present

Randi Marder – Councilperson – Not Present

Opening statement was entered into the record 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 placed in the minutes of this meeting.

The minutes from the October meeting were approved.

Beth Hutter was introduced to the Committee as its newest member. She will be replacing Debi Richards, who resigned for personal reasons. Thank You Debi for all your years of dedication to the Shade Tree Committee.

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

- **Five Year Forestry Plan** –Status remains the same, with the target date of September 2017 for submitting application for the next Five Year Forestry Plan.
- **Arbor Day** – Date is set for April 29, at which time a tree will be planted at a site to be determined.
- **New Jersey Tree Federation Annual Conference** – Shari Spero reported on the ongoing discussion regarding the Emerald Ash Borer, which included a recommendation that each township inform its residents about methods to deal with the problem. The committee will follow up on that recommendation.
- **Community Garden** –Jeff Weiss reported that the new water outlets should be installed shortly and that the presence of the community garden was helpful in enabling the township to win an award for environmental sustainability. Ellen Simonetti gave a report on the current status of the garden in preparing for the winter. A revised set of rules and regulations was discussed and approved with minor adjustments.
- A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 9:15 p.m. by Bob Mellert and seconded by Mary Eng.

**The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, December, 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Complex, Room 2**