

MARLBORO TOWNSHIP SHADE TREE COMMITTEE
Minutes from November 26, 2018, 7:30 PM
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, ROOM 1

Meeting was called to order by Ellen Simonetti at 7:35 p.m.

Roll Call was taken:

Joanne Boretti -- Present

Mary Eng – Not 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 October meeting were approved.

Chair's Report

1. An official "Certificate of Recognition" from Mayor Hornik was given to the Shade Tree Committee by the mayor at the dedication of the tree whose seed had been taken into space aboard the Columbia space craft. The committee expressed their gratitude to the mayor for this recognition.

2. Committee members will be receiving membership cards from the New Jersey Shade Tree Federation shortly.

Open Items

1. Ellen Simonetti presented to the committee a tentative calendar of events for 2019. The committee reviewed the calendar and approved it.
2. After a discussion, the committee decided to request two *Betula nigra* (River Birch) trees for planting on Arbor Day, 2019. This tree was chosen for its tolerance of wet areas. Joanna Boretti will contact Randi Marder about funding for this project.
3. The committee approved the Annual 2018 Shade Tree Committee Report.
4. The committee reviewed its accomplishments for 2018 as stated in the Community Forestry Management Plan (a.k.a. the "Five Year Plan"). All of the objectives were completed. The committee then agreed to review their projections for 2019 in that same plan.

Community Garden

1. The dates for the two mandatory meetings for next year's gardeners have been set: January 27 at 1:00 p.m. and February 4 at 7:00 p.m. All gardeners are expected to attend one of these sessions.
2. A delivery of shredded leaves will be delivered to the garden shortly for use by gardeners in their plots.
3. The committee unanimously authorized Ellen Simonetti, garden manager, to exclude from the 2019 garden those gardeners who were not in compliance with the rules and requirements during the 2018 season.

Next meeting

Our next meeting date is Sunday, January 27, at 12:30 p.m.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.