

## **MARLBORO TOWNSHIP SHADE TREE COMMITTEE**

### **MINUTES FROM THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2011**

Meeting is called to order at 7:40pm

Roll Call was taken

Sherry Cilea –Present

Eric Engel – Present

Pat Ondar –Present

Debi Richards –Present

Tara Vitale – Present

Jeff Weiss – Present

Shari Spero – CME Associates –Present

Scott Metzger – Councilperson Present

Maria Kramer – Master Gardener -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 January meeting was made by Tara Vitale and seconded by Eric Engel.

## **Proposed Tree Park**

The Smith Farm is being considered as a possible location for the tree park, pending a town purchase. The committee will be searching for landscape architect services. The committee has reached out to Rutgers and has received contacts from the New Jersey Tree Federation.

## **Open items from January meeting**

- **Five Year Forestry Plan** –The committee is still on target to meet all requirements and goals. The township has begun its fourth year. At the end of the fourth year an application for a grant for the next five years will be worked on.
- **Tree City USA** – The committee has been recertified for 2010.
- **Chapter 337 Discussion** – The ordinance is in the final revisions. It will be presented for approval to the council upon completion.
- **Arbor Day 2011-** Will take place on Saturday, April 30 2011. The committee reviewed possible site locations. Budget and donations were also reviewed. The Shade Tree Committee has decided on the number of free trees to order from the state. Girl Scout, Boy Scout and TAC volunteers' participation was discussed. Timeline and guest speakers were reviewed. A poster contest will take place. Girl Scout troop 1795 will help in the preplanning and assist the day of Arbor Day.
- **Beautification Day-** The committee will participate in Beautification Day and host the poster contest.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Committee members will attend the New Jersey Tree Foundation Tree Planting Event on March 12, 2010.

Eric Engel attended The Shade Tree meeting in Rumson, New Jersey hosted by Bruce Crawford. He provided the committee with the agenda and information given at that meeting.

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

**The next meeting date will be March 14, 2011.**