

MARLBORO TOWNSHIP SHADE TREE COMMITTEE

MINUTES FROM MAY 21, 2013

MUNICIPAL COMPLEX – ROOM 2- 6:30PM

Meeting is called to order at 6:30pm

Roll Call was taken

Captain Shital Rajan – Open Space Committee

Heidi Rajan – Open Space Committee

Sherry Cilea –Present

Mary Eng - Present

Eric Engel –Present

Pat Ondar – Present

Debi Richards – Present

Tara Vitale –Not Present

Jeff Weiss – Present

Shari Spero – CME Associates –Present

Randi Marder – Councilperson –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 April meeting was made by Pat Ondar and seconded by Eric Engel.

Proposed Tree Park

The former Marlboro Psychiatric property is being considered, as this property is being restored by the state and will be preserved as a park.

Open items from the May meeting

- **Five Year Forestry Plan** – The plan has been submitted to the state for review and has been approved.
- **Tree City USA** – The committee has achieved 5 year status. Five year signage status has been received and the committee will reach out to DPW to add the new signage to the current.
- **Arbor Day 2013** - Arbor Day took place on Saturday, April 27, 2013. A breakfast sponsored by Bagel World of Marlboro and Wegmans began the event. Speeches regarding the event and the history of Arbor Day were read. Troop 1795 was awarded the Stewardship Award for their continuous participation of Arbor Day. A poster contest was sponsored by Turtle Creek Learning Academy in Marlboro and the winners were announced at the Town Council Meeting on 5/2/13. A ceremonial tree was planted on the recreation center property and the Arbor Day proclamation was read by Jeff Weiss, chairperson of STC. The participants planted large trees at the library property bordering Wyncrest Road and Route 520, followed by a planting of sapling trees at the nursery located behind the hockey rink at the recreation center. DPW assisted with the digging of the holes for the larger trees and supplied the mulch.
- **Beautification Day 2013/Memorial Day Parade**- Beautification Day was held on May 11, 2013 and the STC marched in the Memorial Day Parade which took place on May 19, 2013. The STC committee sponsored the Beautification Day poster contest, and the winners were announced at the town council meeting on 5/16/13.

NEW BUSINESSCommunity Garden –

Captain Shital Rajan and Heidi Rajan from the Open Space Committee presented land site options to the committee for the community garden. The two committees will work together on this project. The township has agreed that STC can apply for a grant for the project, the grant will be written by Shari Spero of CME Associates. Other topics considered in regards to the community garden were land layout, planting lot size, vegetation that can be planted, irrigation, shade trees, fences, soil tests, parking, sheds, tools, rules, upkeep and participation

with the food bank. Eric Engel and Jeff Weiss will visit the proposed site. Eric Engel is working on a layout of the community garden.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm. A motion to adjourn was made by Sherry Cilea and seconded by Mary Eng.

The next meeting date will be June 18 at 7:30pm.