

MARLBORO TOWNSHIP SHADE TREE COMMITTEE

MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 29, 2013

MUNICIPAL COMPLEX – ROOM 2 7:30PM

Meeting is called to order at 7:30pm

Roll Call was taken

Sherry Cilea –Present

Mary Eng –Present

Eric Engel –Present

Pat Ondar – Present

Debi Richards – Present

Tara Vitale –Not Present

Scott Warren - Present

Jeff Weiss – Present

Shari Spero – CME Associates – Not Present

Ron Dollman – CME Associates – Not Present

Randi Marder – Councilperson –Not 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 September meeting was made by Mary Eng and seconded by Sherry Cilea.

Proposed Tree Park

Status will remain the same: The former Marlboro Psychiatric property is being considered, as this property is being restored by the state and will be preserved as a park. Plans will be revisited at the time the state transfers' ownership to Marlboro Township which is estimated near year end of 2014.

Open items from the September meeting

- **Five Year Forestry Plan** –. The committee is on track for the first half of the year to meet our goals.
- **Tree City USA** – Application including Annual Accomplishment report for renewal will be completed by February 15, 2014 by Chairperson, Jeff Weiss.
- **Arbor Day 2014** - If the community garden has begun, that will be the location. Planting shrubs and trees were reviewed along with saplings for the younger participants. Breakfast locations were considered. Vegetables seeds may be given out to participants for the planting season.
- **Community Garden** – The state grant that was denied for Marlboro Township is being reconsidered. The grant was denied because the state had read the grant as missing budget information, which was not correct. All information was included; therefore the state is reviewing our grant again. The committee discussed layout, parking, fencing, trees, a tree nursery and forecasted costs along with composting, and seeding and planting options.
- **Beautification and The Memorial Day Parade** – The committee will participate and support both events in 2014.

New Business

- The 88th annual Shade Tree Federation Conference took place on October 25, 2013 in Cherry Hill NJ. Jeff Weiss, Ron Dollman and Shari Spero from CME associates were in attendance.
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm by Pat Ondar and seconded by Eric Engel.

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