

MARLBORO TOWNSHIP SHADE TREE COMMITTEE

MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 10, 2014

MUNICIPAL COMPLEX – ROOM 2 7:30PM

Meeting is called to order at 7:35pm

Roll Call was taken

Sherry Cilea – Present

Mary Eng –Present

Eric Engel –Present

Pat Ondar –Present

Debi Richards –Not Present

Tara Vitale –Not Present

Scott Warren – Present

Jeff Weiss – Present

Shari Spero – CME Associates –Present

William Wapple – 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 December meeting was made by Sherry Cilea and seconded by Eric Engel.

Proposed Tree Park

The State continues restoring the former Marlboro Psychiatric property. The property 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 December meeting

- **Five Year Forestry Plan** –. The committee is on track for the first half of the year to meet our goals. The 2013 Annual Accomplishment Report was completed, signed, and submitted to the state of NJ for approval.
- **Tree City USA** – The Re-Certification application was completed, signed, and submitted to the National Arbor Day foundation for approval.
- **Arbor Day 2014** – The committee decided to keep the Arbor Day celebration confined to the grounds around Town Hall. The Breakfast will be held at the Recreation Center followed by speeches before we have the Mayor read an Arbor Day Proclamation and a Ceremonial Tree Planting to commemorate Arbor Day.
- **Community Garden** – The Township did not receive the CSIP Grant for our Community Garden. However, the committee is moving forward with this project. We continued discussing the layout, parking, fencing, and trees. Shari Spero, from CME Associates presented a revised site plan of our garden which was discussed. Committee member Eric Engel will begin to obtain proposals from needed vendors. The Committee will visit with town officials to find out how much of the work can be accomplished by DPW.
- **Beautification and The Memorial Day Parade** – The committee will participate and support both events in 2014 taking place on May 17th and May 18th.

New Business

- We welcomed new member William Wapple
- Tara Jean Vitale formally resigned from the committee. She wanted to thank all the committee members for their hard work and effort over the years. She will be missed.
- The committee will become involved in the upkeep of the Veterans Memorial Garden located in front of Town Hall. Jeff Weiss will contact Master Gardener, Maria Kramer to see if she will continue to oversee this endeavor.
- Shari Spero presented site plans for a project in Marlboro she's reviewing.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 8:50 pm by Scott Warren and seconded by Pat Ondar.

The next meeting date will be February 26, 2014 at 7:30pm