

MARLBORO TOWNSHIP SHADE TREE COMMITTEE

MINUTES FROM APRIL 16, 2014

MUNICIPAL COMPLEX – ROOM 1 7:30PM

Meeting is called to order at 7:45pm

Roll Call was taken

Sherry Cilea – Not Present

Mary Eng –Not Present

Eric Engel –Present

Pat Ondar –Present

Debi Richards –Present

Scott Warren – Not Present

Jeff Weiss – Present

Shari Spero – CME Associates –Present

Randi Marder – Councilperson –Not Present

Sandy Buccine – Girl Scout Troop 1795 Leader

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 March meeting was made by Debi Richards 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 February meeting

- **Five Year Forestry Plan** – The committee continues to be on track for the first half of the year to meet our goals.
- **Tree City USA** – The Township received six year signage status to be updated on township Tree City USA signs. Also received was a Tree City USA flag.
- **Arbor Day 2014** – The Arbor Day celebration will take place on the grounds around Town Hall on Saturday April 26, 2014. The Breakfast will be held at the Town Hall followed by a welcome speech. The Mayor will read an Arbor Day Proclamation and a Ceremonial Tree Planting to commemorate Arbor Day will take place. Participants will plant large trees to replace ones damaged by Hurricanes Sandy. The committee reviewed the following, timeline, volunteers, breakfast, donations, speakers, sapling and seedling planting and materials, inventory and supplies. The activity booklet designed by Girl Scout Troop 1795 was reviewed as well as other activities that the Troop will lead.
- **Community Garden** – A site plan that was submitted to the Monmouth County planning board. The plan included a gravel driveway, approximately sixty planting plots, a street side landscape buffer, rain garden, water tap, seating areas, walkways, fencing and a shed. The current status is awaiting approval.
- **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

The township received 500 sapling trees through the New Jersey Tree Recovery Campaign. The trees were distributed on April 16th at the Recreation Center. Due to the overwhelming response of residents the committee is researching options and programs to obtain more seedling trees for residents of Marlboro.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 9:40pm by Pat Ondar and seconded by Jeff Weiss.

The next meeting date will take place on May 21, 2014 at 7:30pm