

MARLBORO TOWNSHIP SHADE TREE COMMITTEE

MINUTES FROM MAY 14, 2014

MUNICIPAL COMPLEX – ROOM 2 @ 7:30PM

Meeting is called to order at 7:35pm

Roll Call was taken

Sherry Cilea – Not Present

Mary Eng –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 -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 State has begun demolition on the buildings located on the 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** – All documents have been completed and submitted to the state in order to receive the grant for reimbursement towards the completion of Marlboro's next Five Year Forestry Plan.
- **Tree City USA** – The status remains the same. The Township received six year signage status to be updated on township Tree City USA signs. Also received was a Tree City USA flag which was raised at town hall on Arbor Day.
- **Arbor Day 2014** – The Arbor Day celebration took place on the grounds around Town Hall on Saturday April 26, 2014. A Breakfast, donated by Wegmans and Bagel World of Marlboro, was held at Town Hall followed by a welcome speech. An activity booklet designed by Girl Scout Troop 1795 was handed out to the younger volunteers. The Mayor read an Arbor Day Proclamation and a Ceremonial Tree Planting to commemorate Arbor Day was planted at Town Hall. Volunteers planted large trees to replace ones damaged by Hurricane Sandy at the township property. Four hundred fifty more seedling trees were obtained through the New Jersey Tree Recovery program and were given out free to residents.
- **Community Garden** – Status remains the same. A site plan 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. Tubling trees will be given out at Beautification Day and the committee will sponsor the poster contest again this year.

New Business

Jeff Weiss, Chairperson, participated in Dinosaur Day, giving out the few seedling trees that remained from the second batch from the New Jersey State Recovery Program.

Communication from the Environmental teacher at MHS, Katherine Tsakiris, may lead to future projects that we can jointly work together on.

Certificates of Appreciation for Wegmans and Bagel World for the Arbor Day breakfast donated will be sent out from Town Hall.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 8:45pm by Mary Eng and seconded by Jeff Weiss.

The next meeting date will take place on June 18, 2014 at 7:00pm