

## **MARLBORO TOWNSHIP SHADE TREE COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 18, 2014**

**Municipal Complex-Room 2-7:30pm**

Meeting is called to order at 7:40 pm

Roll Call was taken

Sherry Cilea – Not Present

Mary Eng –Present

Eric Engel –Present

Pat Ondar –Present

Debi Richards –Not Present

Scott Warren – Present

Joanna Boretti—Not Present

Jeff Weiss – Present

Shari Spero – CME Associates – 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 Jeff Weiss and seconded by Eric Engel.

## **Proposed Tree Park**

Status remains the same. 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 July meeting**

- **Five Year Forestry Plan** – Status remains the same. The committee is on track with its goals.
- **Tree City USA** – Status remains the same. The Township is in its sixth year.
- **Arbor Day 2015**– To take place at the site of the new Marlboro Community Garden. Supplies needed for the event were reviewed.
- **Community Garden – The community garden has received final approval from Monmouth County.** Received letter from the Township's Planning Board attorney advising the Shade Tree Committee that they conducted a courtesy review of the Plans and approves this project. A ground breaking ceremony was conducted on Saturday, October,25<sup>th</sup>. The Mayor and Town Council officials attended. Logo designs for the Garden were reviewed and a selection will be made at our next meeting. Gardening rules were drafted and discussed. The final version will be reviewed at our next meeting and then presented to town officials for approval. The local Boy Scouts were contacted and expressed interest with the construction of the raised beds(plots). The deer fence is planned to be installed by year's end.
- **Marlboro Day** – The committee will participate in Marlboro Day and members have a participation schedule for the day. Free sapling trees, planting advice, the hazards of volcano mulching, tree literature and information on the community garden will be provided to residents.

## **New Business**

No new business discussed.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 9:30pm by Scott Warren and seconded by Pat Ondar.

**The next meeting date will take place on December 8th, at 7:30pm**