

**MARLBORO TOWNSHIP SHADE TREE COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES FROM MONDAY MARCH 08, 2010**

**MUNCIPAL COMPLEX**

Meeting is called to order at 7:45pm

Roll Call was taken

Sherry Cilea –Present

Suzi Leifer –Not Present

Pat Ondar –Present

Debi Richards –Present

Nanci Susino –Not Present

Tara Vitale –Present

Jeff Weiss – Present

Shari Spero – CME Associates –Present

Scott Metzger – Councilperson –Not Present

Also in attendance;

Girl Scout Troop 1795

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 January meeting was made by Pat Ondar and seconded by Sherry Cilea.

### **Proposed Tree Park**

The status remains in the early development stage. The committee will work with the Open Space Committee and the Beautification Committee on the development of this project. The possibility of utilizing CME associates for this project was discussed.

### **Open items from February meeting**

- **Five Year Forestry Plan** –The annual accomplishment report has been submitted. The committee is still on target for the first quarter of the year to meet all requirements and goals. The committee will continue to meet its goals through Arbor Day, educational outreach, updating the recommended street tree list and participating in Beautification Day.
- **Tree City USA** – The application for recertification has been submitted. All requirements for recertification have been met by the committee. Two of the four signs have been posted by the Department of Public Works. The application for the free trees used for Arbor Day was submitted. Four members of the Shade Tree Committee attended the Arbor Day Training offered on March 6, 2010 at the Forest Resource Education Center in Jackson, New Jersey.
- **Chapter 32 Discussion** – Chapter 32 has been renamed Chapter 337. The ordinance is in the final stages of review which is being handled by the township attorney and CME associates.
- **Arbor Day 2010**- Arbor Day will take place on Saturday, May 1, 2010. The committee discussed and reviewed the following; planting options and locations for this event, maintenance of trees, participant involvement, outreach to the Marlboro Early Learning Center, craft ideas, guest speakers,

event coordination, fundraising, media coverage, annual poster contest and reserving the recreation center. All committee members discussed and reviewed the status of their subcommittees. Girl Scout Troop 1795 presented an activity book and tree project for volunteers which will be incorporated into the Arbor Day celebration.

- **Beautification Day 2010** – The Shade Tree Committee will continue to support and work with the Beautification Committee in 2010. We will host the poster contest again for 2010.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- The committee considered utilizing grant funds for education activity with students.
- The committee will look into further landscape needs at various locations throughout Marlboro for 2010.

**The next meeting date will be April 26, 2010 at 7:30pm.**

Meeting was adjourned at 9:05. Motion to adjourn was made by Tara Vitale and seconded by Sherry Cilea.

