

MARLBORO TOWNSHIP SHADE TREE COMMITTEE

MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 18, 2011

Meeting is called to order at 7:35PM

Roll Call was taken

Sherry Cilea –Present

Eric Engel –Present

Pat Ondar –Present

Debi Richards –Present

Tara Vitale –Present

Jeff Weiss – Present

Ron Dollman – CME Associates –Present

Scott Metzger – 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 Eric Engel and seconded by Pat Ondar.

Proposed Tree Park

An Open Space property recently purchased by the town is being considered for the proposed Tree Park. The location of the property is on Tennant Road in the Morganville section of town. Contact with Rutgers University for the purpose of landscape architectural services is being worked on.

Open items from the September meeting

- **Five Year Forestry Plan** - A grant to fund the cost of the future Five Year Forestry Plan (due year ending 2012) is being researched. The committee is still on target to meet all requirements and goals. The township has begun its fourth year.
- **Tree City USA** – The committee is in compliance. The yearend report is beginning to be worked on.
- **Chapter 337 Discussion** – The ordinance was reviewed and discussed. Fees and permits are in the final stages.
- **Arbor Day 2012**- Arbor Day 2012 will take place on Saturday, April 28, 2012. The number of small and large trees was considered. Also discussed was location, volunteers, planting tools, methods of advertising the event, media coverage, donations, poster contest, activity booklets and location.
- **Beautification Day**- The committee will continue to support the poster contest and participate in Beautification Day.

NEW BUSINESS

- Discussed were the budget for 2011 and 2012, grants, the annual report for Tree City, township and residential tree removal and planting, permits and fees.
- Sherry Cilea, Jeff Weiss and Debi Richards attended the NJ Shade Tree Federation Conference in Cherry Hill, NJ which provided CE credits and allows Marlboro to apply for additional grants to be used towards our Forestry Master Plans.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 8:40pm by Sherry Cilea and seconded by Tara Vitale.

The next meeting date will be November 14, 2011 at 7:30pm.

