

**MARLBORO TOWNSHIP SHADE TREE COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES FROM JUNE 18, 2013**

**MUNICIPAL COMPLEX – ROOM 2-7:30PM**

Meeting is called to order at 7:30pm

Roll Call was taken

Sherry Cilea –Present

Mary Eng - Present

Eric Engel –Present

Pat Ondar – Present

Debi Richards – Present

Tara Vitale –Not Present

Jeff Weiss – Present

Ron Dollman - 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 May meeting was made by Pat Ondar and seconded by Mary Eng.

## **Proposed Tree Park**

The former Marlboro Psychiatric property is being considered, as this property is being restored by the state and will be preserved as a park. Plans will be revisited at the time the state transfers' ownership to Marlboro Township.

## **Open items from the May meeting**

- **Five Year Forestry Plan** – The plan has been approved and the committee has begun to implement the plan. We are on track for the first half of the year to meet our goals.
- **Tree City USA** – The committee will update the website to reflect the approved five year status.
- **Arbor Day 2013** - Arbor Day took place on Saturday, April 27, 2013. All reports have been submitted except the NJ Tree Foundation Annual Report for Arbor Day. This report is due June 30, 2013. Arbor Day 2014 will take place on Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- **Community Garden** - The committee is waiting on a response from the state for the grant submitted. Preliminary plans designed by Eric Engel were reviewed for the open space property. To begin, 48 plots will be designed, all 4' x 10' in raised beds. Parking can accommodate 10 cars and a driveway already exists at the site. Truck access was considered in the layout as well as an area for a shed and seating. The committee will meet over the summer to discuss further planning, such as committees, site development, deer and animal prevention, vendors and proposal, by laws, security, an arboretum and plan implementation. The committee will work with the Open Space Committee and DPW.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm by Eric Engel and seconded by Sherry Cilea.

**The next meeting date will be July 15 at 7:30pm.**