

MARLBORO TOWNSHIP SHADE TREE COMMITTEE

MINUTES FROM JUNE 18, 2014

COURT ROOM 7:00 PM

Meeting is called to order at 7:00 pm

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 May meeting was made by Pat Ondar and seconded by Eric Engel.

Guests speakers listed presented to the Shade Tree Committee and attending township residents.

Dr. Paul Kovalski presented a Marlboro Tree presentation. Tree Species, history, saved trees and Marlboro landscape changes were covered.

Wendy Weiner, Master Gardener, provided a presentation on edible gardens. Topics covered were home gardens, various growing methods and plant and vegetable varieties.

The Shade Tree Committee will seek the expertise of Dr. Paul Kovalski and Wendy Weiner on Arbor Day and the Community Garden. We thank them for the presentation and the generosity of their time.

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 May 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 2015 preliminary planning will begin in the fall
- **Community Garden** – Status remains the same. A site plan that 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 participated and supported both events in 2014 which took place on May 17th and May 18th. Tubling trees were given out at both events and the committee sponsored both poster contests again this year.

New Business

The Committee presented the winners of the poster contest from Arbor Day and Beautification Day at the Town Council Meeting on June 19, 2014.

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 July 23 at 7:30pm