

MARLBORO TOWNSHIP SHADE TREE COMMITTEE

MINUTES FROM JULY 23, 2014

Municipal Complex-Room 2-7:30pm

Meeting is called to order at 7:30 pm

Roll Call was taken

Sherry Cilea – Not Present

Mary Eng –Not Present

Eric Engel –Present

Pat Ondar –Not Present

Debi Richards –Present

Scott Warren – Not Present

Jeff Weiss – Present

Shari Spero – CME Associates – Present

Randi Marder – Councilperson –Not Present

Marlboro Resident – Jan Feldman

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 June meeting was made by Debi Richards 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 June meeting

- **Five Year Forestry Plan** – Status remains the same. The committee is on track with its goals.
- **Tree City USA** – The status remains the same. The Township is in its sixth year.
- **Arbor Day 2014** – The Arbor Day 2015 preliminary planning will begin in the fall
- **Community Garden – The Shade Tree Committee received \$12,363.00 from Whole Foods, which was a result of the Shade Tree Committee being awarded the opening day give 5% back program.**

The site plan that was submitted to the Monmouth County planning board 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 county requested the landscape and rain garden design to be defined by species, which was provided. The current status is awaiting approval. Additionally, Trevor Taylor, CME Associates, suggested to the county that the easement be moved along the side of the property instead of what is recorded on the site plan, which is down the middle of the property.

- **Marlboro Day** – The committee will participate in Marlboro 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

Jeff Weiss provided the township with the Shade Trees goals and history to be used on the township website.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 8:45pm by Eric Engel and seconded by Jeff Weiss.

The next meeting date will take place on September 10 at 7:30pm

