

MARLBORO TOWNSHIP SHADE TREE COMMITTEE

MINUTES FROM MONDAY JANUARY 5, 2009

MUNICIPAL COMPLEX – ROOM 2

Meeting is called to order at 7:40pm

Roll Call was taken

Sherry Cilea – Present

Suzi Leifer –Present

Debi Richards –Present

Nanci Susino – Present

Tara Vitale - Present

Jeff Weiss – Present

Randi Marder – Council person –Not Present

Ron Dollman – CME Associates – 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 placed in the minutes of this meeting.

Open items from December 08, 2008 meeting

- **Grant information** – The five year forestry plan has been approved by The State Forestry. The certificate of approval was received and reviewed by members.
- **Dog Park** – Landscaping of the Dog Park was awarded to A.Casola Farms.
- **Arbor Day 2009** – The Arbor Day subcommittee will reach out to the elementary schools in Marlboro to inquire if they would be interested in participating in Arbor Day. Jeff Weiss will contact Mary Eng of the beautification committee to check if the committees can work together.
- **Shade Tree Logo** – Sherry Cilea is working with Artisan Studio in Marlboro. They have agreed free of charge to help the committee develop a logo.
- **Chapter 32 Discussion** – Ron Dollman informed the committee that the status of the tree removal portion of the ordinance continues to be on hold due to a court case in Jackson regarding tree removal.
- **Tree City USA** – Requirements for application have been completed. Next step is to submit application for approval.
- **2008 Year in Review** – Jeff Weiss provided each committee member a summary of the accomplishments of the Shade Tree Committee.

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- Goals and objectives for 2009 were outlined by Jeff Weiss. The committee reviewed the goals and discussed implementing them.

- The Committee will begin to implement the 2nd year of our 5 year Forestry Plan. Year one of our plan is covered by 2008 year in review.
- The committee discussed further possibility of landscaping the library.
- The Committee will renew its membership with the New Jersey Tree Foundation and inquire into receiving free trees for Arbor Day 2009.
- Committee members will attend New Jersey Shade Tree Federation training seminar in March to fulfill its requirements of obtaining free trees for Arbor Day and earn continuing education credits.
- The committee has opening for three more members. Still pending.
- All meeting dates were approved by the town. They will continue to be the first Monday of every month with the exception of September due to Labor Day.

The next meeting will be on February 2, 2009 at 7:30 pm in Room 2

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm.