

**MARLBORO TOWNSHIP SHADE TREE COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES FROM MONDAY APRIL 6, 2009**

**MUNICIPAL COMPLEX – ROOM 3**

Meeting is called to order at 7:40pm

Roll Call was taken

Sherry Cilea –Present

Suzi Leifer –Not Present

Debi Richards –Present

Nanci Susino – Not Present

Tara Vitale – Present – Via Phone

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 place in the minutes of this meeting.

A motion to approve the minutes from February meeting was made by Sherry Cilea and seconded by Jeff Weiss.

### **Open items from March 9, 2009 meeting**

- **Five Year Forestry Plan** – The committee met all requirements for the first quarter and is on target for accomplishing goals for the second quarter.
- **Arbor Day 2009** –Arbor Day will take place on April 25, 2009. Jeff Weiss confirmed the mayor is available for the reading of the proclamation.

Girl Scout participation and communication is being handled by Tara Vitale.

Jeff Weiss will reach out to the Boy Scouts.

Eight TAC members have volunteered. Further communications will be sent to TAC members. The committee would like twenty volunteers from this group.

Bob Miller, DPW, will finalize the site locations and communicate with Jeff Weiss. Mulch will be supplied to each site.

Channel 77 has been informed of Arbor Day by Tara Vitale.

A poster contest for volunteers will take place. Winners will be announced during the breakfast and prizes will be awarded.

Maria Kramer, master gardener, will speak at the breakfast.

Jeff Weiss will solicit local nurseries for a ceremonial tree donation to be planted during the celebration.

Promotional items have been handled by Debi Richards. Items have been ordered for participating volunteers and for Marlboro Day. The items include a drawstring bag, sipper cup, and magnet with the Shade Tree logo. Thank you cards will be placed in all bags.

Wegmans , Manalapan, has generously donated 25 cases of water and five employees to volunteer at the Arbor Day planting. Debi Richards will continue communication with them.

Bagel World, Marlboro at Rt. 520, has generously donated 8 dozen bagels for the breakfast. Sherry Cilea will continue communication with them.

Other items, paper and beverages will be purchased prior to the event.

The order of events was discussed and agreed upon by committee members

- **Shade Tree Logo** – Sherry Cilea reached out to Artisan Studios, Marlboro. Artisan designed a logo free of charge. The logo was used on the promotional items.
- **Tree City USA** – Marlboro Township has been approved and recognized into Tree City USA. Tree City will award Marlboro Township with Tree City Status at a ceremonial event Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 11:00 am. The ceremony will take place at Christie Hoffman Park, Tewksbury, New Jersey. Jeff Weiss will be in attendance to accept the honor. Ron Dollman of CME Associates will attend. Marlboro Township will receive two signs and a flag which will state the township is a part of Tree City USA.
- **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.
- **Beautification Day** – The Shade Tree Committee will support beautification committee by participating in beautification day. The event will take place on May 16, 2009.
- **New Jersey Tree Federation** – Membership has been renewed. Core training will take place in October. Renewal cards were received and distributed.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- The committee discussed the new committee in town, Green Team, and the possibilities of working with them in the future.
- The committee has opening for three more members. Still pending.

**The next meeting will be on May 4, 2009 at 7:30 pm in Room 2**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm. Motion to adjourn was made by Debi Richards and seconded by Sherry Cilea.