

**MARLBORO TOWNSHIP SHADE TREE COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES FROM MONDAY JUNE 16, 2008 MEETING**  
**MUNCIPAL COMPLEX – ROOM 2**

Meeting is called to order at 7:45pm

Opening statement is read by Jeff Weiss, chairperson.

As the presiding officer of this meeting of the Marlboro Shade Tree Commission, 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.

Roll Call was taken

Paula Broglia – Present

Sherry Cilea – Present

Shary Cohen – Not Present

Suzi Leifer – Not Present

Debi Richards – Not Present

Navdeep Sandhu – Not Present, withdrew from committee, resignation was submitted via e mail.

Nanci Susino – Present

Jeff Weiss – Present

Shari Spero – CME Associates - Present

Randi Marder – Council person – Not Present

Chair, Jeff Weiss, expressed concerns regarding participation of committee members. This will further be addressed at our next meeting with the attendance of the full committee.

### **Open items from April 28,2008 meeting**

- **Arbor Day –April 25, 2008 recap** – Media coverage of Arbor Day was reported in *The News Transcript* and *Marlboro Matters*. These publications have created additional awareness amongst the residence of Marlboro. The committee agreed that we should start planning now for our 2009 Arbor Day Celebration.
- **New Jersey Shade Tree Federation** – Additional membership cards were distributed. Other members who have not yet received membership are pending.
- **New Jersey Tree Foundation** –The annual report for Arbor Day is being filled out and submitted, which will allow Marlboro to continue to receive trees from the State.
- **Tree City USA** –Marlboro has fulfilled the four standards necessary to apply for membership of becoming a Tree City USA community. The application will be submitted.
- **Chapter 32 Discussion** - Shari Spero updated the committee on the progress of the changes. Shari Spero stated the revisions have been sent to the township planner. According to Shari all parties involved have to agree: lawyers, town planner and the tree expert (Shari Spero).

One of the changes discussed is the cost of the permits. The current cost is \$25.00 yet this is not enough to cover cost of going out to homeowners. The idea was suggested that residents not pay an

application fee, but a removal fee. It was suggested that for dead tree removal no fee would be charged. Less than ten trees would cost \$35.00 and more than 10 trees would cost \$100.00. Currently, the town processes an average of 20 permits per month. The question was raised if we could charge additional dollars so the shade tree committee can fund a budget for the following year.

The committee agreed that everything should be put in an ordinance. Shari Spero will update the attorney with the latest revisions. Shari will send Jeff Weiss a draft of what she is currently working on.

Approval to begin the Community Forestry Plan(Green Community Grant) is on the Agenda for the next Town Council meeting, Thursday, June 26<sup>th</sup> 2008. Once approved, paper work will be submitted to the state.

- **Community Pride and Beautification Day** - Beautification day was May 17<sup>th</sup> at 9am. Members of the Shade Tree Committee in attendance were Jeff Weiss, Sherry Cilea, Debi Richards and Suzi Leifer. The members set up a table outside the recreation center and gave out literature on different species of trees. A poster contest, sponsored by the Shade Tree Committee, was available for viewing inside the main recreation room. Winners were chosen by grade. The winners were awarded Barnes and Noble gift cards donated by Jeff Weiss and Certificates of Appreciation from Mayor Hornik and Town Council.
- It was suggested for 2009 that the Shade Tree and Beautification committees combine forces for the good of the town.
- **Shade Tree Logo** – We continued our discussion of finding an alternative route which would allow the younger residents of the town to actively participate. We will further discuss this issue at our next meeting.

**Marlboro Day Participation** – The committee discussed participating in this year’s celebration of Marlboro Day. Ideas were suggested: hand out literature to inform residents about trees and tree-care, to possibly work together with Morganville Florist, and begin fundraising for the proposed Dog Park. The committee agreed Marlboro Day would be good exposure for The Shade Tree Committee and Arbor Day 2009.

**Marlboro Township Dog Park** – Ideas were suggested on how the Shade Tree Committee can participate in the proposed Dog Park. Suggestions for funding for trees and bushes were also discussed. The committee decided to table this discussion until the next meeting.

**The next meeting will be on July 28 2008 at 7:30 pm in Room 2**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm.