

MARLBORO TOWNSHIP SHADE TREE COMMITTEE
MINUTES FROM MONDAY SEPTEMBER 8, 08 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 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.

Roll Call was taken

Paula Broglia – Not Present, Withdrew from the committee

Sherry Cilea – Present

Shary Cohen – Not Present, Withdrew from the committee

Suzi Leifer –Present

Debi Richards –Present

Nanci Susino – Present

Jeff Weiss – Present

Shari Spero – CME Associates – Not Present, maternity leave

Randi Marder – Council person –Not Present

Ron Dollman – CME Associates – Present

Open items from July 28,2008 meeting

- **Grant information** – Grant was approved by the town and sent to the state. Phase 2 of the plan is in place, at the state level. Final approval of the grant should net \$4,500.00 in total from the state and town.
- **Marlboro Day Participation** – Sherry Cilea has arranged for the Shade Tree to have a table. In addition she has received the seed packages personalized as follows: Shade Tree Committee Marlboro Day 2008 to hand out. The package contains a mixture of Spruce and Pine Trees seeds. The total cost of 1000 packs of seeds was \$340.00. The committee will hand out literature on different species of trees. Ron Dollman will look into what literature his company may have to offer. Jeff will also contact The Shade Tree Federation to inquire into literature availability. It was decided that the Shade Tree Table will also have a donation jar to raise funds for future planting at the dog park. Five hundred dog licensing applications will be made available to hand out. Set up time for Marlboro Day is between 9-11am. Jeff Weiss will supply the table and chairs needed. A schedule of hours to cover the table was divided and agreed upon by committee members. Sherry Cilea will provide signage and the donation bowl. Members agreed to all wear the same color shirt, black.
- **Dog Park** – The committee received direction regarding planting from town officials. The landscape design needs to create shade and tall borders (to deter any possibility of dogs jumping out). Ron Dollman stated CME Associates may be able to design the landscape. He will get back to the committee regarding costs. Additionally, Jeff Weiss will inquire with other companies about costs. Suzi Leifer will contact Mary Eng, beatification committee, to see if her committee is interested in combining efforts for the dog park project.

- **Arbor Day 2009** - The committee agreed to table the Arbor Day Discussion until our October Meeting.
- **Chapter 32 Discussion** – Ron Dollman confirmed that the tree removal portion of the ordinance is on hold due to a court case in Jackson regarding tree removal. A verdict in this case needs to be rendered in order to move forward.
- **Tree Management Plan** – Ron Dollman presented the committee with a draft of the plan, written by Shari Spero.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Bank account** – Jeff Weiss was informed that the Shade Tree Committee has a budget of \$2000.00 approved by the town. The current balance is \$1660.00; \$340.00 was used to pay for the seeds being distributed during Marlboro Day. There is a possibility of a second account that the Shade Tree Committee may be able to utilize for planting. The account obtains funds from builders who cannot replant trees removed. Instead, they must pay a dollar amount to the town.
- **Treasurer position** – The committee agreed that a treasurer was needed since we have an account. Jeff Weiss nominated Nanci Susino. Debi Richards seconded the nomination. Nanci Susino accepted the position.
- **Shade Tree Federation meeting** –The New Jersey Shade Tree Federation annual meeting will take place on October 24, 25, 26, 2008 in Cherry Hill New Jersey. Jeff Weiss and Debi Richards will attend on October 24.

- **Shade Tree Logo** – The committee agreed that a Shade Tree Logo should be designed. Jeff Weiss will inquire about the logo design with a contact of his.
- **New committee members** – Jeff Weiss stated that the committee should fill the spots vacated. The committee agreed the individuals interested must be able to attend the meetings and be willing to actively participate. It was suggested that the current members will speak to people who show interest at Marlboro Day or elsewhere. Recommendations will be forwarded to the Mayor/Town Council.

The next meeting will be on October 27th, 2008 at 7:30 pm in Room 2

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.