

Sheboygan Avenue Community Garden
Monticello Community Room
April 27, 2017 - 6pm-8pm

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I. Reports

A. Treasurer

- a. Paid \$200 to Ground Works for 2016 & 2017 liability insurance.
- b. Paid \$50 to Coventry Church for meeting room
- c. New Garden Fund for 2016 still needs to be paid
- d. Current balance \$12,372.09

B. Registrar

- a. There are still 6 unassigned plots, but expect they will be filled.
- b. There are no unassigned raised beds.

C. Plot monitor

- a. Some plots have broom sticks and other unapproved materials
- b. An exception for a flag to locate a plot has been made for ADA purposes
- c. Bare wood garden edging is ok, painted salvage wood is not approved.
- d. Gardeners are not to tie things to the perimeter fence.
- e. Plot monitor will send gardeners emails to remind them of rules.

D. Time keeper

- a. About 25 people signed in at the recent work day.

II. Unfinished Business

A. Rennebohm Water Service – progress and bib locations

- a. Contract and insurance are in place specific to Sheboygan Community Garden
- b. Met with City staff and Pertzborn Plumbing. Work scheduled for mid-May.
- c. Water line is planned to come in to terminate where the water buffalo is now.
- d. A 6”X6”X5’ cedar post is needed to attach the equipment to.
- e. Adding a bubbler for drinking was suggested.
- f. Spigots locations are planned to allow everyone access yet avoid encroaching on plots.
- g. If needed more spigots could be added.

B. Compost bin

- a. Proper location will be determined for donated compost bin
- b. Gardeners would need to be trained on proper compost etiquette

C. How to use the small plot where the waterline will enter the garden.

- a. Compost area
- b. Herb garden
- c. Assigned plot
- d. Seating
- e. Pollinator garden

D. Large work area near the double gate could be re-assigned.

E. Formal response to grants

- a. No response yet. Cindy will follow up.

F. City of Madison study of additional garden space – next steps.

- a. Cindy contacted the wait list and did not get any takers for current gardens.

- b. Gardeners have found current plots to be too small.
 - c. Typical garden plots are 400 sq'. Current SACG plots are less than 100 sq'.
 - d. This garden has narrow paths, no compost areas.
 - e. 20-30,000 sq' more would be good.
- G. Flower Program implementation
- a. Approved - Pat and Jim B. will pick up flowers May 10.
 - b. Can't plant flowers until after the water line is in.
 - c. Straw will be delivered May 19.
- H. 2017 Garden Planning – planning for remaining open space
- a. Members are asked to provide ideas by next meeting.
- I. Garden Handbook
- a. 2016 Handbook is still on the website.
 - b. New gardeners need new Handbook and orientation.
 - c. Can post a laminated Handbook in the shed.

III. New Business

- A. Rhubarb Fest brunch planning
- a. May workday.
 - b. Invite new Alder
 - c. Bring library for gardeners' reaction
 - d. Start at 11:30 after work is done
- B. Signage
- a. Consider more than one language with stronger language on signs
 - c. Garden fob for gardener identification was approved
 - d. Gardeners will be encouraged to take pictures of suspected poachers
- C. Jim Dudley was unanimously approved as garden board Tool Manager

IV. Announcements

- a. Garlic Mustard pull this Saturday at 9AM
- Bags will be provided
 - An email reminder will be sent
 - Cindy will bring sign-in sheet - Gardeners will get credit for pulling mustard
 - A story will be provided to Hill Farms Neighborhood newsletter with pictures.

V. Adjournment