

Sheboygan Avenue Community Garden Board Meeting Minutes

Date: October 26, 2018 Time: 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Location: Monticello Community Room

Attendees: Jim Bauman; Pranali Lad; Geren Zhang; Julie Grim; Leann Tigges; Ruth Cadoret; Yahua Li; Jim Dudley; Pat Soderholm

1. Acceptance of past meeting minutes:

A. 6/28/18 Minutes amended as follows: Unfinished Business #2: Gardener Handbook: Ruth's draft was reviewed and agreed to, after changes. Final draft is available electronically from Statz.

- Pat moved to approve/Julie seconded.

B. 9/26/18 Minutes amended as follows:

- Title: Sheboygan Ave Community Garden Sept 26, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes
- Unfinished Business #3/a/i: Provide a map or sketch of the plumbing layout – SACG/Jim B. has provided it and that has been accepted.
- Unfinished Business #3/a/iv: Provide the contact information of desired plumbing contractor for City acceptance.
 - Pat moved to approve/ Jim D. seconded.

C. 10/4/2018 Minutes amended as follows:

- Move first bullet point under General Garden Updates to the Comment Section: "It is mandatory for all gardeners to attend the annual meeting in October."
- Move last bullet point under Sub-Committees to the Comment Section: "Next meeting reminder will be sent to all gardeners to allow anyone to attend the October meeting and provide any additional feedback as well as be considered for the sub-committees based on responses in the survey.
- Change Sub-Committee 5th bullet point to read: Sub-Committees chairperson may come to meet with the board only for deliverables based on due dates. They are; however, welcome to attend all board meetings without voting rights.
- Delete the Sub-Committee 6th bullet point as this is now covered in the 5th bullet point.
 - Julie moved to approve/ Yuhua seconded.

2. Reports

A. Treasurer: Balance at this time is \$3055.76

- Yahua sent payment for Rabbit Guard to Cindy's home address.
- Yahua paid Mt Olive \$60.00 for use of meeting room.

B. Registration: 20 people are on wait list.

- C. Plot Monitor: Plots look OK.
- D. Timekeeper: 6 gardeners have zero hours. 14 people have less hours than required.
 - Do one more email to folks needing time. Next work date will be 11/3/18 with a backup “rain-date” as 11/10/18.

3. Unfinished Business

A. October 4th Annual Meeting attendance

- Thoughts about attendance: It is difficult to meet after work/with school events/ etc. Suggestions to increase attendance:
 - Weekend meeting
 - Put at closer location
 - Dessert/Meeting (no full potluck)
 - Meeting only (no potluck at all)
 - Send out questionnaire to gardeners for suggestions/preferences.

B. General Comments made at Annual meeting and Subsequent to meeting:

- Consider Roto-tilling/breaking up hard soil. Response: At this time, we recognize that we need to address this issue for the spring 2019.
- Planting on triangular plots. Response: At a later meeting consider options such as Berries, Herb Garden and Flower Garden.
- Free Seeds/Seedlings. Response: Jim B. will follow up with volunteer(s) to ask locally for free seeds/seedlings.
- Ground cover. Response: Leaves are good mulch and gardeners can bring in leaves from the side of the street on an individual basis as there is no storage area for these leaves.
- Compost in Spring. Response: 1) When we go into budget deliberations, we must pay attention to what we can afford. 2) Make suggestions to gardeners as to what type of compost to purchase and where it would be available.
- Raised bed to start plants. Response: Table till future meeting.
- Alternative Work Dates. Response: Consider having Evening work dates or a few Sunday afternoon work dates.
- Communication between Board and Gardeners and also Gardeners with each other. Response: Consider social media such as a facebook page. This issue to be explored further at a later date.
- Layout of garden. Response: Table till next meeting.

C. Status of Garden Expansion:

- 2/3 to ¾ of Rabbit Garden Fence is installed.
- Removed all Rabbit Garden Fence between old and new sections.
- The removal of the old Garden Gates is ongoing.

- We hope to move the raised beds next work day.
- The Avid Plumbing Company bid is no longer viable as they are not responding to any inquiries.

D. Future Garden Layout (handout) & Flower/Shrub area at east end of garden:

- Tabled till next meeting. Possibly have a sub-committee to work on this.

E. Taller plants in 200 square foot plots:

- Ruth C. will create 5-10 examples of garden layout to guide gardeners in not shading their neighbors gardens, not having their garden spilling out into the walkways or climbing the fences.

New Business:

- A. November meeting date: Thursday 11/29/18
- B. December meeting date: Thursday 12/13/18
- C. January and February meetings: Discuss the following:
 - a. budget,
 - b. fees,
 - c. registration,
 - d. Spring Meeting.
 - e. Layout of Garden

Comments/Suggestions:

1. Garden Club needs paper trail for payment of 2nd plot registration fee. Jim B. will clarify over the next month who has paid (both cash and check).
2. Have receipt book available to use for people who pay in cash for year of 2019.
3. Both Payment for plot and registration forms are to be completed and received by Garden Board before any plots can be assigned.
4. Plants should be kept under 3 feet of height at the boundary and under 5 feet of height all over.
5. Should the Board invite any gardeners interested to attend the final meeting on the Layout of the Garden?