

Sheboygan Avenue Community Garden Board Meeting Minutes

Date: November 29, 2018 Time: 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Location: Monticello Community Room

Attendees: Jim Baumann; Geren Zhang; Julie Grim; Leann Tigges; Ruth Cadoret; Yuhua Li; Jim Dudley; Pat Soderholm

1. Acceptance of past meeting minutes:
 - A. 10/26/18 Minutes approved.

2. Reports
 - A. Treasurer: Balance: \$2939.29
 - Treasurer proposed Master Copy of Registration/Payment form that will be transparent to all the board. Details to be discussed at future meeting.
 - B. Registration: 17 people are on wait list.
 - C. Plot Monitor: Nothing to report.
 - D. Timekeeper:
 - Four waivers have been approved for specific gardeners.
 - No work hours: 8 people
 - Jim B. will email each one and attempt to contact via phone as well.
 - For those gardeners that have completed some of the required garden work hours:
 - Proposed: Following past practice the required hours from the prior year must be fulfilled before the Gardener is assigned a plot for the new year.
 - Timekeeper currently sends out emails in August notifying gardeners of time put in and time still required by the garden.
 - Proposed: start sending out emails in July to give gardeners extra time to fulfill the garden requirement of working 4 hours for the Sheboygan Avenue Community Garden.

3. Old Business:
 - A. Status of Garden Expansion – No Discussion
 - Fence – 98% complete, some work remains on gates.
 - Rabbit Guard – 90% complete, halted by frozen soil.
 - Relocation of three raised beds – two of three relocated.
 - Water System – no update.
 - ADA solid surface path – 0% complete.

 - B. Future Garden Layout – Discussion of options A, B, C and D

- Proposed: Communal Herb Garden for the odd shaped lots.
- Proposed: Number each 100 square foot plot sequentially 1 2 3 4 instead of 1A or 42C. If there is to be a 200 square foot plot, then the gardener assigned that plot should be assigned plots 1&2 or 52&53, so that if gardener leaves, the garden would have the option of splitting the 200-foot plot into the 2 original plots and the numbers would still be in sequential order.
- Proposed: improve quality of garden by creating 2-foot access paths around every 4 plots. The question was raised of who would monitor and maintain these paths. This would mean losing 10 – 15 garden plots.
- Proposed: Creating 48-inch-wide main paths will widen the existing aisles for ease of movement throughout the garden and would only cause the garden to lose 1-2 plots.
- Proposed: Jim B. will work on the garden layout concept based on option D but will work with the 8.5' by 12' plot sizes working in a configuration from West to East. Also, for these new options, Jim will count the plots so that we will know exactly how many plots would be available per configuration.

C. Taller plants in 200 square foot plots: Ruth C. – No layouts of suggested gardens are available currently.

New Business:

- A. Some gardeners are taking and using the Community Garden's building and planning materials (panels, posts, and building supplies) without consent.
 - This is not acceptable.
- B. Rocks have been thrown from individual garden plots into the Park area.
 - This is not acceptable.
- C. Proposed: Newsletter sent out once per month to all gardeners reinforcing both garden standards and promoting the joy of gardening. It was pointed out that these are two distinct issues and may need to be separated.
 - Idea: Use a community courtesy banner in each email detailing just one issue that needs to be addressed in the garden.
 - Idea: Include recipes in the email.
 - Idea: Include quotes from published gardeners.
- D. Proposed: Print off a community garden handbook for each gardener.
- E. Proposed: send out an email in January with all the successes and challenges of the past year to inform gardeners of issues within the garden.

Announcements:

- A. December meeting date: Thursday 12/13/18
- B. January and February meetings: Discuss the following:
 - a. budget,
 - b. fees,
 - c. registration,
 - d. Spring Meeting.

End of Minutes