

Sheboygan Avenue Community Garden Board Meeting Minutes

Date: January 10, 2019 Time: 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Location: Monticello Community Room

Attendees: Jim Baumann; Julie Grim; Leann Tigges; Ruth Cadoret; Jim Dudley; Pat Soderholm

1. Acceptance of past meeting minutes:
 - A. 11/29/18 Minutes approved.

2. Reports
 - A. Treasurer: Report to be reviewed at 1/24/19 meeting.
 - B. Registration: 28 people are on wait list.
 - When to send notification/registration forms – discuss at next meeting.
 - C. Plot Monitor: Nothing to report.
 - D. Timekeeper: Nothing to report.

3. Business:
 - A. After discussion of Layout options, Jim B. will send out a draft plan of existing option G with revisions to general gardeners with the understanding that plot size will be refined as we lay it out in the garden. There will be a 1-2 week opportunity for all Garden members to review and reply to the board.

 - B. Due to the increase in the community garden workload with expansion of garden, work hours required by all gardeners have been increased from 4 hours per season to 6 hours per 100 foot plot and 9 hours per 200 foot plot.
 - These hours may be reassessed next year once expansion is completed.

 - C. Discussion ensued about how hours may be accrued by attending the semi-annual meetings and training sessions. Issue tabled until 1/24/19 meeting.

 - D. The criteria that the Garden Board will use to determine who is offered the 200 square foot plots was discussed. Tabled until 1/24/19 meeting.

 - E. The idea of having 2 Saturday work days during the months of April and May was discussed. Also, ideas of having community work opportunities during the weekdays and/or Sundays.

- F. Options of having volunteer groups help with special garden projects was discussed. Sports teams, Scout groups, Church groups, etc. Jim B. will look into the Garden's Liability Insurance.
- 4. Sheboygan Avenue Community Garden Newsletter/Email was discussed. Secretary will bring sample email to 1/24/19 Garden Board Meeting. It will include the following:
 - A. A Board Member Item – Guided by Jim B.
 - B. An Education Item – Guided by Rex.?
 - C. A Recipe
 - D. Information on current garden conditions, successes and challenges.
 - E. Information on how garden members can contact the Gardening Board with questions, concerns, ideas, information, etc.
- 5. When registration forms go out to gardeners, there should be an extra sheet asking about specific abilities that gardeners may bring to the table. Thereby giving the Garden Board a large pool of gardeners with various abilities and enthusiasms for the Garden Board to draw on for special projects.
- 6. Further discussion on numbering plots – physically placing number in plot. Jim D. will bring prototype to 1/24/19 meeting.
- 7. Proposed: Print off a community garden handbook for each gardener.
- 8. Handout of budget worksheet. Jim B. has made the 2019 proposed budget and given it to the Garden Board. Garden Board Members are to review this budget and give any recommendations for updates at 1/24/19 meeting.

Announcements:

- A. Next meeting date: Thursday 1/24/19
- B. January and February meetings: Discuss the following:
 - a. budget,
 - b. fees,
 - c. registration,
 - d. Spring Meeting.

End of Minutes