

BOROUGH OF SHREWSBURY

SHREWSBURY COMMUNITY GARDEN COMMITTEE (SCGC) MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

Historical Building, 419 Shrewsbury Avenue, Shrewsbury, NJ 07702
September 12, 2016

Mr. Augusty opened the meeting at 7 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present:

Dick Augusty
Tina Behr
Maureen Collins
Mayor Don Burden (liaison)
Tom Menapace
Fred Preissler
Pat Pellagrino
Judith Reuter
Betsy Wattlely

Absent:

Pam MacNeill

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes. Minutes of the August meeting were approved without changes.

Correspondence. There was no correspondence to consider.

Treasurer's Report. Ms. Pellegrino thanked the committee for increasing the budget allotted for the cookbook. Copies of the cookbook were distributed to all committee members and a copy set aside to be sent to Ms. San Filippo. All gardener's (one per plot) will receive a copy of the cookbook. Special thanks to Tony Pellegrino for his help with binding the cookbooks!

Ms. Pellegrino distributed a report reflecting Garden Plots Available for 2016 and their distribution among Shrewsbury Residents, Out-of-town plot holders and PAR plots. The Community Garden Trust Fund was discussed. Mr. Augusty raised a question regarding the budget for the coming year and whether we can get a breakdown of monies in and monies out on an annual basis. Ms. Pellegrino agreed to contact Bonnie Brooks about past financial expenditures. Ms. Pellegrino agreed to review annual financials at the December meeting and prepare an annual presentation for the January meeting of the SCGC. She keeps monthly financial records.

Meeting Opened to the Public. There were no members of the public in attendance. The meeting was then closed to the public.

Old Business.

- Harvest Festival: Ms. Collins indicated that there had been 43 yes responses, 11 no responses, and 3 maybe responses. 46 evites had not been responded to. It is estimated that based on past attendance 60 people were expected to attend.
- Ms. Wattlely reviewed that coolers, chairs, tables, covered garbage cans, coffee pot and ice for the event were all covered. Chairs are still needed and attendants will be asked to bring their own chairs.
- Members of the committee agreed to meet at 3:15 PM to begin set up for the Harvest Festival.
- Breakdown especially returning tables to the church will be made by Fred Preissler with assistance from committee members.

- Discussion focused on the new pathway being installed adjacent to the Community Garden. Mr. Menapace explained that the pathway created a swale for water to be directed away from the basketball courts which are currently under construction. Mayor Burden added that the pathway was seeded and topped with hay.
- Mr. Menapace distributed copies of a potential contract by Taylor Fence Company in the amount of \$720.00 to create a gate at the west side of the garden. After much discussion it was decided to retain the already existing south gate because it can accommodate small DPW vehicles. Mr. Menapace put forth a motion to accept the Taylor contract proposal and all voted in favor of this. Mr. Menapace agreed to contact Mr. Seaman to obtain a purchase order so that Taylor can move forward with the West Gate Project.
- It was agreed that PAR pick ups will end at the end of September

New Business.

- New Tax Exempt Forms - Form ST 5 were distributed to use for purchases on behalf of the SCG. Mr. Augusty let everyone know that the boro's phone number must appear on the new form and it can be written in before using.
- Mr. Menapace informed the committee that DPW would be applying a preservative to the wood around the screening on the fence surrounding the garden. On Oct. agenda will be how to thank DPW for their help.
- Mayor Burden distributed information from the Garden State Parkway, Grow Your Own Wildflower Garden Program as well as additional information regarding Save the Pollinators. It was decided that this deserves further discussion and to add it to our next meeting as an agenda item.

Open Discussion.

- Mr. Augusty agreed to take an inventory of the tools in the shed. He agreed to take in the plastic spigots and remove the hoses along the fence in the garden but leave the hoses in the garden.
- Pam MacNeill will be requested to send an email asking gardeners not to walk on plots of other gardeners that may appear to be empty when they are actually seeded for a fall crop!
- Pam MacNeill will also be asked to send an email asking if anyone is interested in the rain barrel that is currently in the possession of the SCGC.

Adjournment: A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 PM.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be on Monday, October 10th at 7 PM at the Historical Society.

Respectfully submitted,
 Judith Reuter
 Secretary, SCGC