

# **BOROUGH OF SHREWSBURY**

## **Shrewsbury Community Garden Committee (SCGC)**

### **Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting**

Shrewsbury Municipal Building, 419 Sycamore Avenue, Shrewsbury, NJ 07702

March 14, 2016

Ms. MacNeill opened the meeting at 7:00 PM with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **Present:**

Pam MacNeill

Pat Pellegrino

Tina Behr

Maureen Collins

Tom Menapace

Fred Preissler

Cathy San Filippo

Betsy Wattley

Mayor Don Burden (liaison)

#### **Absent:**

Dick Augusty

**Officer's Statement.** Ms. MacNeill thanked the committee for their participation.

**Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes.** Minutes of the January meeting were reviewed and approved without changes.

**Correspondence.** Ms. MacNeill was the recipient of several pieces of correspondence, all having to do with the assignment of garden plots. Some members wanted their plots moved or changed and another member was interested in the low rise plot. Both Mr. Menapace and Mr. Preissler told of encounters they had had with people who criticized the garden. Each felt that after an explanation was offered the situations were diffused.

**Treasurer's Report.** Ms. Pellegrino reported that the Community Garden Trust Fund had a new balance of \$9,441.07. Sixty-six Shrewsbury residents had paid a total of \$1,650 and eight out-of-town plot holders had paid a total of \$280. The Treasurer's report was approved without changes.

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

**Old Business.** There was no old business.

#### **New Business**

- The members agreed that the length of the terms Ms. Bonnie Brooks defined are accurate.
- Ms. Karen Moeller had asked for the low rise plot and since we have no handicapped members at this time it was agreed that it will be hers for this season. If we do get a handicapped member, it

was suggested that he/she could take over the PAR garden, which is high enough to accommodate a wheelchair.

- After changing a few legacy members' plots, which had been requested, we assigned plots to the new members. As of the meeting, there are seven remaining unassigned plots.

**Open Discussion.** Mr. Menapace said that according to Ron from DPW the water can be turned on at any time. It will be turned on within the next several days. Ron may be able to get free compost. Mr. Menapace asked that Ron take a look at the stone dust path that is from the parking lot to the garden and shed. It may need to be restored, but we will wait for Ron's assessment.

Community work days were discussed. Available committee members signed up for either 4/8 or 4/9. On those days we hope to make the hoses available, figure out how many replacement stakes we need, and after laying newspaper, start the replenishment of wood chips. Ms. Wattley agreed to contact Atlantic Tree Service to ask that they supply us with wood chips again. The committee approved \$300 for the purchase of the wood chips. Some discussion occurred as to the whereabouts of Ms. Collins tarp which held the chips in place last year, but its whereabouts still remains unknown.

Ms. Collins suggested an opening season event. It would give gardeners an opportunity to trade seeds and plants. It will be discussed at the April meeting.

Ms. MacNeill will be sending a group email alerting gardeners to the availability of water, the possibility of their planting cold crops, and enlisting their help for the work days.

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

**Next Meeting.** The next meeting will be on Monday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at the Historical Society at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Catherine San Filippo  
Secretary, SCGC