

# **BOROUGH OF SHREWSBURY**

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

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

Historical Society Building, 419 Sycamore Avenue, Shrewsbury, NJ 07702

May 9, 2016

Mr. Augusty opened the meeting at 7:00 PM with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **Present:**

Dick Augusty  
Maureen Collins  
Tom Menapace  
Fred Preissler  
Betsy Wattley  
Cathy San Filippo  
Mayor Don Burden (liaison)

#### **Absent:**

Pam MacNeill  
Pat Pellegrino  
Tina Behr

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

**Correspondence.** Mr. Augusty mentioned that the only correspondence was what Ms. MacNeill had received and emailed to the members of the committee. Since there were no outstanding problems or unanswered questions we moved on to the Treasurer's Report.

**Treasurer's Report.** From Ms. Pellegrino's report we were able to ascertain that Community Garden Trust Fund has a new balance of \$9,402.23. The amount of \$240 had been expended for wood chips and the 2015 speaker and we had the addition of \$41.16 from a new plot holder and a tax adjustment. 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.** Mr. Preissler had agreed to make a new sign indicating where plant material should be dumped. The amount of \$75 was approved for sign materials. Mr. Menapace said that he would check with DPW to see if the existing material can be pushed back or picked up and taken away.

#### **New Business**

- Ms. Wattley agreed to order 10 yards of wood chips. Mr. Menapace will check with DPW about the wood chip pile's location or whether it should be relocated.
- Mr. Augusty suggested the use of a vinegar spray around the perimeter of the garden to kill the weeds. He is willing to apply.
- The May 22 plant and seed exchange was discussed. It was decided to have boxed coffee and sweets available in the garden from 10-12 that day. Ms. Collins said that she would send an email

to all members explaining that this event will be an opportunity to meet fellow gardeners and exchange plants and seeds.

**Open Discussion.**

- A new lock was purchased and installed. It's identical the previous one.
- It was suggested that a handle be installed on the inside of the gate to enable easy closing. Many members pull on the screen when closing the gate from the inside and a handle would prevent wear.
- Mr. Menapace will check with DPW on the status of the shutoff valve for the watering system.
- Mr. Augusty mentioned that many of the hose outlets are leaking and that one way to prevent this would be to remove the circular handle and just use the plastic lever for on and off. The committee discussed the idea of trying a pilot, knowing that a detailed explanation would be necessary for those who use that hose outlet.
- Mr. Wattlely mentioned that Foodbank is getting vegetables from a couple of big gardens and that if anyone had another organization that was interested, we should consider that organization. Mr. Menapace had been approached by the same individual as last year and would speak to him to determine his level of interest.

**Adjournment.** A motion was made and approved to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 PM.

**Next Meeting.** The next meeting will be on Monday, June 13th at the Historical Society at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Catherine San Filippo  
Secretary, SCGC