

**Madison Community Garden
Advisory Committee Meeting**

June 16, 2021

MINUTES

The meeting was conducted via Zoom due to the Covid-19 pandemic, and was called to order at 7:34PM

Present: Steve McAuliffe, Sondra Clark, Geoffrey Anderson, Maureen Hoeflin, Lynn Macagnano, Charles Van Buskirk, Kirk Moele, Margaret Malishchak, Brian Monaghan. Mike Barrasso

Absent: Paul Schmitt, Geoffrey Thomas, Ursula Leonhardt, Stephan Stocker, Maureen Byrne

Roll Call

The roll call was taken

Approval of Minutes/Agenda Review

The minutes for May 19, 2021 was approved. They will be forwarded to Michael Pellesier, Borough Hall.

Public Comments – none

Reports from Committee

Comptroller: Lynne Macagnano reported \$330.00 garden fees received \$180.00 Bee fees. Expenses Jarger Lumber \$328.00 and \$1990.00 G.M. Fence. Approximately \$32,576.00 cash balance.

Subcommittees

Communications: Received an email regarding a report of poison oak and porsolini berry along the fence. Another email with a request to post the garden plot numbers on the kiosk.

Maintenance/Rules: Brian Monaghan had nothing to report

Compost: Charles Van Buskirk reported the compost is moving along, being turned and appreciated by the gardeners.

Master Gardner: The IPM report has come out – it will be published every two weeks.

Membership: Margaret Malishchak reported we have 3 people on the wait list (2 Madison people want ½ plots and 1 non Madison person).

Apiary: Steve McAuliffe reported:

- Third round of mite testing showed 0-1 range which is good.
- He estimates about 360 lbs of honey in the Co-Op hives.

Because the bees are having such a good year, we will need to purchase more bottles, 2 additional honey pails and guards for our upcoming honey harvest. Prices have increased substantially on bee equipment and bottles. Looking into the possibility of selling honey on Bottle Hill Day to help defray costs and keep dues down.

Ongoing business:

MRC meadow restoration: Sound barrier of 33 evergreen trees \$9000.00 N.J. Tree Foundation. Asking for funding from Open Space Fund.

Eagle Scout Project: Location of Kiosk will be outside the bee yard where the raspberry bushes are – they will be dug out, Kiosk will be 42" x 32" - double door.

Front Gate: Mike to meet with Dean with Small that's All about placing stone and grass 2 Ft x 4ft each side of the man gates.

Food donation Program: looking for drivers

Plot reviews: Reviews of the plots find about 3 that have not been attended or possibly abandon. Efforts are being made to see if the owners want to give them up and depending on the answer we might be able to release them to the people on the waiting list. F11, A11 and A9 are the plots in question as of now.

Meeting was adjourned: 8:22