

Stoney Brook Community Farm & Garden Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 15, 2019

Members Present

D. Brennan
B. Hinck
A. Kraynak
D. Leo
T. Swala

Liaison

R. Francioli - Present

Guest

V. Janern
J. La Luna

Liaison Francioli called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.

Financial Report – Member Brennan said that from the \$2,248.37 is from garden spots sold. Member Brennan is waiting to hear from Silvio about the garden grant.

Hanover Township Day – Member Brennan said that at Hanover Township Day at the Stoneybrook Farm & Garden table there will be a watermelon eating contest at 3pm. Member Brennan said we could do a raffle for a garden spot. Member Brennan said the winner would have a garden spot next year. Member Swala suggested to give out handouts Questions for Master Gardeners from Rutgers, and also suggested to give out applications for garden spots.

Master Gardener – Liaison Francioli said that our master gardener retired. Member Swala said she will send an email to Rutgers if there is a master gardener. Liaison Francioli said it's a volunteer position. Member Swala asked how many hours a month? All members agreed that the master gardener should come to meetings. Member Brennan said that it would be approximately 5 hours a month.

Fall Chip Day – Liaison Francioli suggested a Fall Chip Day from approximately 6:30 pm – 8pm. Liaison Francioli said if the gardeners could volunteer one hour put the wood chips in all the lanes. Member Brennan suggested we have to pick a dedicated date. All members agreed Tuesday, October 1, 4pm – 6:30 pm. Liaison Francioli said we will ask Brian to add more chips at the garden.

Weeds – Member Hinck said its expensive but there is a steam driven equipment to get rid of the weeds. Member Hinck said that there is an industrial type vinegar that is 4 or 5 times acidic stronger than regular vinegar. Member Hinck said that a company in North Carolina sells it 4 or 5 gallons at \$10.00 a gallon. Liaison Francioli suggested we should authorize the purchase of the industrial vinegar.

Covers for Unused Garden Spots – Member Hinck said that he could use more pallets to hold the covers on the unused gardens spots.

Fall Gardeners Meeting – Member Brennan said we should schedule a Fall Gardeners Meeting. Member Swala said that on Thursday, October 3, at the library there will be a presentation on Native Plant Species from 7pm – 8pm if we should have the meeting after the presentation at 8pm. All members agreed.

Pavillon – Member Leo said that the RFQ's will be back in 3 weeks beginning of September.

Dead Trees - Member Hinck said there are some dead trees near the garden. Member Leo said it is Columbia Gas property and they will take care of it.

Inter-Faith Food Pantry – Member Hinck said there has been some vegetables left in the refrigerator we need someone to take it to the food pantry. V. Janern said she would be happy to take it to the food pantry. Member Hinck said that the food pantry also has classes on food cooking with vegetables.

Main Gate to Public Works – Member Hinck said that the animals can get in and out by the gate a concrete sill is needed.

Eagle Scout Project – Member Brennan said that the Eagle Scout project with the raised beds is finished.

Boy Scouts – J. La Luna said that a friend of hers son is with the Boy Scouts and are looking for a project. Liaison Francioli said a project for the Boy Scouts would be to trim back the Rain Garden by the Library. J. La Luna will contact Member Brennan with the information about the Boy Scouts.

Adjourn – Liaison Francioli adjourned the meeting at 10:35 am. All members agreed.

Next Stoneybrook Farm & Garden meeting is Thursday, September 19, at 10:00 am at the Community Center.