

# Stoney Brook Community Farm & Garden Meeting

## Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 21, 2019

### Members Present

D. Brennan  
B. Foran  
B. Hinck  
D. Kitchell  
A. Kraynak  
D. Leo  
T. Swala  
M. Wasko  
A. Wasserman

### Liaison

Mayor Ron Francioli

### Guest

J. La Luna

Chairman Kitchell called the meeting to order at 10:05 am. Chairman Kitchell welcomed a possible new member to the committee Joan La Luna.

**Financial Report** – Member Brennan said that we have sold approximately \$2,139.31 for all the garden spots and approximately \$12,000.00 from the grant. Member Brennan said approximately \$500.00 was spent on replacement of the hoses. Member Foran said all the hoses have been replaced.

**Education** –Liaison Francioli said we would need a person with education criteria. Member Wasserman said we are very open to having a liaison with schools. Liaison Francioli suggested we could offer a stipend to the person that will be the liaison to the schools. Member Wasserman suggested the person would have to do assemblies, field trips to the garden. Member Hinck said he would be happy to help with the job description. Liaison Francioli suggested the tree arborist Rich Wolowicz to be the liaison to the schools. Liaison Francioli said he would be willing to increase another day for Rich Wolowicz for this program. Liaison Francioli said he will ask the township committee if they are in agreement with adding the extra day. Liaison Francioli thinks the township committee will approve the extra day.

**Pavillon** – Liaison Francioli asked about when the pavillon would be installed. Member Leo said the spec should be coming back the end of April. Member Leo said the prices should come back by May. Member Leo said then it will be to phasing in of the schedule for it to be installed.

**Organic Compost** – Liaison Francioli said the County was offering vegetable compost. Member Foran said the compost is made from leave and grass. Member Hinck said we would need an organic compost. Member Hinck said he didn't know where he would get the organic compost.

**Garden Spot Numbers** – Chairman Kitchell suggested we should mark where the garden are located for the gardeners. Secretary Kraynak suggested to use mailbox/house numbers to be used for marking the garden spots.

**Gardeners Volunteer 1 Hour** – Member Brennan suggested for the gardeners to be able to volunteer if we have 2 garden spots that are dedicated to the food pantry. The gardeners would be required to help maintain the food pantry garden spots.

**Gardeners Membership Cards** – Member Brennan said that she is working on distributing the 2019 Gardeners Membership cards that can be used at Agway.

**Meeting for Gardeners** – Member Brennan said that a meeting for the gardeners was held on March 7, 2019 at the Community Center. Member Brennan said approximately 20 gardeners attended the meeting. Member Brennan said some of the gardeners requested a wagon instead of using a wheel barrel.

**Speaker for Gardeners** - Member Swala said at the meeting on March 7, the gardeners requested to have a speaker about “What’s eating my vegetables?” Member Swala said she could look into a speaker from Rutgers. Member Brennan said we have money in the budget for the speaker.

**Advertising Garden Spots are available** – Member Brennan said the Community Garden is posted on the township website. J. La Luna suggested also the website Next Door to advertise. Secretary Kraynak also suggested to create a Facebook page or some other type of social media to advertise the garden.

**Sign** – Member Hinck had shown the committee some signs he made from wooden pallets to be installed in the garden.

**Spring Craft Fair** – Member Swala said at the Craft Fair on March 30, the Landmark Commission is going to have a table and Member Swala asked if the committee would like to add some flyers about the community garden. All members agreed. Member Swala also asked about if the committee would like to donate one free garden spot this year to the tricky tree. All members agreed but it is a one time deal the free garden spot.

**Fig Tree** – Member Hinck asked the committee that a gardener wanted to know if they could plant a fig tree. Member Hinck suggested maybe if they planted it in a barrel. The committee suggested not to allow a tree to be planted because if approximately 100 gardeners wanted to plant trees it would be a problem in the garden.

**Eagle Scout Award** – Member Leo said that an Eagle Scout would like to do a project at the garden make another raised garden bed. All members agreed okay for the Eagle Scout Project.

**Adjourn** – Chairman Kitchell adjourned the meeting at 11:05 am. All members agreed.