

**BEN FRANKLIN COMMUNITY GARDEN  
MINUTES OF GARDEN OPERATING COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Date:** October 17, 2018

**Location:** OBCDC Office

**Call to Order:** Chair Jennifer Terry called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

In attendance:

Committee members – Jennifer Terry, Ken Keckler, Mary Ellen Stasek, John Jenkins, Joe Jerdonek, Dave Kuebler, Mike Rompala, Laura Stahl, Lisa Young

Staff – Greg Noeth

Guests – Kim Repinski, Kathy Heinz

Absent: Elicia Polacek, Steve Morris

**Election of Officers:**

Gardener Kim R. presided over election process. Elected:

Chair: Jennifer Terry

Vice-Chair: Ken Keckler

Secretary: Mary Ellen Stasek

Treasurer: Laura Stahl

**Minutes:**

John moved to approve the September meeting minutes; Ken seconded. Minutes were approved by Committee vote.

**Treasurers Report:**

(Jennifer reporting for Elicia): [REDACTED] is the reported balance. Some deposits not yet reflected and there was a question cash payment allocations. John moved to table the report pending review with accountant and Dave seconded. Tabled per committee vote.

**Sub-Committee Reports**

**Garden Coordinator:**

1. Greg thanked those who helped out in past few weeks.
2. The Garden closed on schedule. Several garden volunteers gave time on the weekend (no high school students).
3. Greg and Mark got the lumber for the raised beds (required a second trip by Greg). There is not enough for name boards. Jennifer suggested wood left from compost bins.
4. Boards for perennial beds are cut and routed; four raised beds have been assembled.
5. Plumber has turned off water to the garden but not shed. Gilmour hockey team and another group still expected.
6. \$60/day is the amount for chain saw rental.
7. Cover crop is ready to go.

Jennifer added that we had new volunteers from Refuge Community Church who are interested in future involvement and gardening.

**Finance Committee:**

No report.

**Projects Committee:**

Ken reminded committee members to submit volunteer hours.

**Governance:**

Joe presented the application devised for perennial beds and a brief discussion followed for final revisions. Jennifer reported that Summer Sprout will give us some garlic and weatherization materials for hoop coverings. There was discussion about readying 10 raised beds by Sunday, weed blocker placement, dirt, paths, compost. John told about compost purchased from the City of Westlake with gardener M. Kelly.

**Communications:**

No report.

**Old Business:**

- A. Jennifer reported the 2019 Summer Sprout application has been submitted.
- B. American Heritage Girls Project by community member Rocki Ryan was completed.
- C. Unwanted seed packets were donated.

**New Business:**

A. Jennifer proposed paying Greg \$650 for brush hogging/tilling/seeding. Joe made a motion; Mary Ellen seconded. Committee voted to approve the allocation.

B. As the November meeting date falls on the day before Thanksgiving, it was agreed that the date be changed to Nov. 28th.

C. OBCDC requested a raffle basket for the fundraiser. John made a motion to donate a basket followed by brief discussion and Joe seconded. The committee voted to approve expenditure.

Greg talked to Barb Spaan about vandalism. She could not provide code citations from the City ordinances. It was suggested that we talk to councilman Brancatelli.

John noted that the Greenspace Committee is being asked to find volunteers among gardeners to help with Pearl Road streetscape cleanups. OBCDC is also looking for hayride tractor driver for an upcoming event.

**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Next meeting date – **changed to November 28, 2018** at the OBCDC office due to Thanksgiving holiday.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ellen Stasek