

Manhattan Community Gardens
Board Meeting Minutes
August 3, 2016

The monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Manhattan Community Gardens was called to order at 5:30 P.M. by President Dale Hayden on August 3, 2016. The minutes of the July meeting were approved as corrected. Linda Teener presented the Treasurer's report. There were \$255 in actual expenses last month.

Members present:

Susan Shoneweis, Travis Kummer, Linda Teener, Gary Schwandt, Dale Hayden, Eli Martinson, Jay Guarneri, David Claus, Bob Pfannenstiel, Carol Barta, Cheryl Arthur, and Deane Lehmann.

Committee Reports

- A. Nothing to report
- B. Nothing to report
- C. Nothing to report
- D. Riley is having trouble with the tan and the Husqvarna mowers getting started. Having trouble with weed eater, need spading/potato forks, and hoes. After lengthy discussion of types of hoes it was decided to purchase new good quality hoes. Deane moved, and Carol seconded, that we purchase 4x54" and 4x60" ProHoe model 575G hoes. Motion carried. Dale will check on potato forks, weed eater and mowers.
- E. Having trouble with gardeners removing tools to use at home. Also, sheds are left unlocked. It was suggested that Chuck could remind gardeners to close sheds and gates at both gardens in his weekly newsletter.
- F. B8 weeds tall again. A gardener has been told that her garden privileges have been suspended due to repeated years of weed letters. Pathways are better; Dale sprayed weeds toward end of month of July. Discussion occurred regarding sound machines for repelling moles, deer, and raccoons, etc. Next weed inspections set for first and fifteenth of month.
- G. Need ideas for nominations for Board members this fall.
- H. Done and a wonderful job!
- I. Eli received request for contact information for a gardener from the insurance company regarding herbicide incident last year. Need to send letter to gardeners who have not completed work day to remind of consequences.
- J. Riley needs hay. Check on compost for both gardens.

Old Business

- A. Still need to buy hoses, may be covered this season.
- B. Deane working on revocation letter and procedures.
- C. Last set of weed letters mailed first of month.

New Business

- A. There is no social this month, but workday is still happening. Commons areas and flower beds should be a focus for workers
- B. Eli moved, Bob seconded, to approve Dick Greene's proposal for the butterfly garden. MCG will fund the proposal, but ask that the flowers be labeled in the monarch beds.
- C. Suggestions for degraded, deered plastic on B5 and B6 included, UV resistant "greenhouse" plastic, heavy black contractor plastic, more Roundup?
- D. Greg Eyestone is still looking for good weed poster for gardener reference. Also, h is trying to organize another Garden Show in Manhattan. Discussion of registering gardeners at this event.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 P.M. Next meeting is September 7, 2016, at UFM.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Arthur, Secretary