

Manhattan Community Garden Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 7, 2009
5:45 p.m.

Those present: Susan Peterson, Chuck Marr, Pamela Been-Redeker, Linda Teener, Elena Boyko, Michael Rhodes, Jeanne Squires, Bruce McCallum, Kellan Kirschner, Lynda Bachelor and Susan Oviatt

Meeting was called to order.

Elena Boyko and Michael Rhodes have requested an access to their garden plots in a path halfway between SE 95 and 95. There is already a stump of a big tree there. They would like a small passageway through the flowerbed maintained by Butch Hitschman. We discussed Butches garden. Originally the board gave Butch that space with Botch's request that no Paths be place in that space. Motion to establish a path was tabled. The board moved to speak to Butch first and we will discuss the establishment of paths at the December Meeting.

No items were added to the agenda.

Chuck moved to approve the minutes as distributed; it was seconded. Motion passed.

Linda presented treasurer's report. No more revenue will be collected this year. Maintenance, toilet trash and garden social bills have come in. The trash bill does not include the big dumpsters from Howie. Motion was made to approve treasurer's report; seconded. Motion passed.

There were no announcements or correspondence.

Committee Reports:

1. Equipment: One of the lawn mowers is in serious shape. Chuck recommends replacing it if possible. New wheels have been put on all the tillers. Pat Butler has one set.
2. Grounds/Tilling: No report.
3. Flower Bed: No report
4. Rules/Safety: Kellan sent 15 letters after September meeting. 58B is an abandoned plot. The Whitmer plots continue to be in violation. The Schoneweis' plots are not worse than anyone else is right now. Board discussed the ongoing problem of the Whitmer sisters; Susan will talk with them about, wire and debris and no fires.
5. Compost/Mulch: Gardeners are requesting compost. Susan will contact Jenny and ask about getting some. Kellan asked about what to do about plot SE 93; will be tabled for future agenda item.
6. Education and Newsletter: We will need a written newsletter about the November Annual Meeting and Potluck. Jeanne will try to send out by October 24. Jeanne will need information by board members by October 17.

7. Records: No report
8. Garden Socials and Crop Walk: Poor communication about Crop Walk this year. It as been scheduled for Sunday, October 11, 2009. There have not been any requests for Greenhouses and Presentations. We talked about adding Crop Walk donation to application.

Old Business

1. Change to Rule 19: Kellan suggested the following change: All gardeners are required to participate in a minimum of two board-designated activities or equivalent board-designated responsibility. All gardeners must take their turn fulfill their responsibility(ies) or they **will** forfeit their deposit and sign up as a new gardener the next year. Additionally, the board may lose their right to garden the next season. Motion was made to approve change; seconded. Motion approved. Kellan will forward change to Linda so she can make change to bylaws by November sign-up.
2. Work days for 2010 will continue to be the first Saturday of each Month. Susan will produce sign-up sheets.
3. Equipment Usage Policy. Gardeners will have to attend a garden equipment orientation to receive the lock combination to the shed. Chuck suggests that the orientations be conducted early in the year, February. He also proposed that the last sign up time be early enough so that people can begin working their plots by the end of February. Bruce suggested that we have assign-up sheet. We discussed the problem of hand tools being in the shed and the wheelbarrows as well. Some people use the wheel barrows and hand tools and never use the power equipment. Board decided to leave off lock combination on garden application. Orientation dates were set: Tuesday, February 16, 5:00 p.m.; Thursday, February 18, 5:00 p.m.; Saturday, February 20, 10 a.m.
4. Garden Sign-up times: Returning gardeners—Nov. 7- 10 a.m.; December 2, 7-8 p.m.; January 6, 7-8 p.m. New Garden sign-up—February 3, 7-8 p.m. February 13, 10-11:30 a.m. April 3, 9-10:30 a.m. (coincide with work day).

New Business

1. Bruce will coordinate the October 10 work day.
2. Garden application will include crop walk designation, drop off lock combination and make rule change to #19.
3. Board Nominations; Karen Hawes has tentatively agreed to board position. Bruce will check with Dick Green and Susan Oviatt will check with Stearn family. Pat Butler can be alternative. Linda Bachelor will send out e-mail to social committee members to see if there is an interest with any members to assist with Social Committee next year.
4. It was moved that board will purchase Round Up to treat public areas and garden path ways for bindweed and Bermuda grass.
5. Annual Meeting. Bachelor will pick up burner and pot. Meeting should include election of new board members; inform members of garden equipment orientation; mowing and work day information.

