

Stoney Brook Community Farm & Garden Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 18, 2019

Members Present

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

Guest

V. Janern
J. La Luna

Member Swala called the meeting to order at 10:03 am.

Education – Member Swala said that Liaison Francioli said that the town arborist will be working with the schools.

Pavillon – Member Leo said that he has 90% of the foundation design and have to discuss the RFP next week. Member Leo said the RFP's will be back at the end of May. Secretary Kraynak asked where the Pavillon will be located? Member Leo said it will be on the right when you walk into the garden. Member Swala asked if there will be benches? Member Leo said it will have a concrete slab and the pavillon is 12x24.

Garden Spot Numbers – Member Hinck said that magnetic numbers have been ordered for the garden spots.

Garden Spots - J. Getsinger stopped in at the meeting and said that 59 garden spots were sold.

Gardeners Club- Member Swala asked the committee if there is interest of forming a garden club separate from the committee. V. Janern said when she is at the garden she really doesn't see any other gardeners but she is there in the morning. V. Janern suggested to send out to all the gardeners that we will be at the garden on a Saturday from 9am – 10am if anyone wants to clean-up the general areas.

Gardeners Membership Cards – Member Hinck said that Member Brennan is working on the membership cards. Member Hinck said the membership cards would be 10% at Agway for garden items only for example plants, soil not for example 10% off if you are buying a shed.

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 has requested a speaker from Rutgers Master Gardener to speak on Monday, May 13, from 7pm – 8pm at the library. Member Swala said also requested was invasive plants, herbs. Member Swala said the most requested was What’s eating my vegetables? Second was invasive plants. Member Swala said in the future she could request a speaker about invasive plants.

Advertising Garden Spots are available – Member Swala asked the committee if there were any ideas on how to advertise the garden. J. La Luna suggested to advertise on the site Next Door Neighborhood. Secretary Kraynak said she would ask R. Dente if it would be okay to advertise the garden on the site. V. Janern suggested to advertise in the local church bulletins and she also suggested that if we say that some of the vegetables are being donated to the food pantry maybe some people would like to help with the garden spot for the food pantry and also maybe when they see the garden maybe they would be interested in purchasing a garden spot. The committee also suggested in the schools, YMCA bulletin board, Hanover Happenings.

Sign – Member Hinck had made some signs from wooden pallets to be installed in the garden. Secretary Kraynak said that the signs were nice and useful in the garden. Member Hinck said that if more signs are needed. Member Hinck would be glad to make more signs.

Spring Craft Fair – Member Swala said the Craft Fair was on March 30, when she noticed on the table at the library April 17, that the winner still didn't pick up their prize from the garden committee.

Eagle Scout Award – Member Leo said that an Eagle Scout came and took measurements of the raised bed and is going to make another raised bed for the garden. Member Leo said he thinks that Employment Horizons used the raised bed last year.

Adjourn – Member Swala adjourned the meeting at 10:40 am. All members agreed.