



## River Bend Community Organic Garden & Education Center

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### Meeting Minutes – August 1, 2022

**Present:** Robin Beilby, Melissa Dinsmore, Jackie Herbster, Denise Kelly, Judi Lloyd, Barbara Maurer, Chris Organ, Steve Sarg, Ellen Serra, Dee Smith and Mary Smolinski

The meeting was called to order at 1:32 pm by Ms. Maurer.

**Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** All members received and reviewed the June 6, 2022 meeting minutes. Ms. Kelly made a motion to approve the minutes and the motion was seconded by Ms. Smith. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Council Report:** Ms. Maurer gave a brief overview of Town Council actions and activities.

**Financial Report:** Ms. Maurer presented the financial report. The current treasurer, Ms. Theis, has resigned her position. Ms. Lloyd will consider serving as interim treasurer.

**Garden Update:** Ms. Maurer reported that to date the garden has harvested 861 pounds of vegetables, 16 pounds of herbs, and has donated 37 pounds of produce to Interfaith Refugee Ministries. Between January 1 - June 30, 2022, 957 labor and administrative hours have been logged. Ms. Smith reported that one of member of the Green Team has been to the garden several times to assist in harvesting and general gardening activities. Several members are scheduled for a workday and will be flipping the compost. The Green Team is in a rebuilding stage because 10 participants have graduated. Ms. Kelly reported that the bees are doing fine but currently in dearth. Ms. Kelly will need a decision from the members whether to purchase two new hives which would allow the production and extraction of honey. The approximate cost would be \$600. Ms. Kelly indicates that it will require additional work and would need assistance. Ms. Smith indicated that she would be available to assist in these duties, but Ms. Kelly indicated she would need one additional person. The members will take this issue under advisement and will discuss at a future date.

**Old Business:** Mr. Organ will contact Mr. Fischer to assist with the solar project in the greenhouse, and will contact Mr. Dinsmore to acquire an appropriate flooring product.

**New Business:** Fall planting was discussed. It was decided to plant kale, lettuce, radishes, garlic, turnips and rutabagas. A workday has been scheduled for Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 am, or thereafter to plant fall crops. All beds to be planted will be prepped before the workday.

A motion was made by Ms. Herbster and seconded by Ms. Smolinski to cancel the September meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

There being no further business, Ms. Kelly made a motion to adjourn the meeting and the motion was seconded by Ms. Lloyd. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 2:23 pm.

Submitted by,

Jackie Herbster, Secretary