

River Bend Community Organic Garden & Education Center

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Meeting Minutes - February 7, 2022

Present: Robin Beilby, Wendy Fleming, Jackie Herbster, Denise Kelly, Judi Lloyd, Barbara Maurer, Chris Organ and Mary Smolinski

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Maurer.

Ken Garner attended the meeting and provided tips regarding the installation and conversion of the solar system for the greenhouse. He also provided advice with regard to certain products that can be utilized in an organic garden to combat fungal, bacterial and pest issues.

Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: All members received and reviewed the January 3, 2022 meeting minutes. Ms. Fleming made a motion to approve the minutes and the motion was seconded by Ms. Lloyd. 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.

Garden Update: Ms. Maurer reported that the Green Team has been very busy and has completed several projects including the planting of asclepias seeds. Ms. Maurer reported that planting for the 2022 season includes planting in only half the rows, and leaving the remaining rows fallow for a year. In the next several weeks, we will be making arrangements to obtain manure and mushroom compost to supplement the rows in which planting will occur. Ms. Kelly reported that the bees are doing well; however, the comb is a bit "wonky." Currently, she can't tell how large the population is and doesn't know how old the Queen is. She has purchased another Queen and drones to start the empty hive, and is also looking at installing an additional hive.

Old Business: Mr. Organ and Ms. Beilby gave an update regarding the solar system for the greenhouse. This will continue to be an ongoing project. Mr. Herbster was successful in selling the lawn mower and the rolling cart.

New Business: No new business.

There being no further business, Ms. Beilby made a motion to adjourn the meeting and the motion was seconded by Ms. Kelly. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 7, 2022 at 1:30 p.m.

Submitted by,

Jackie Herbster, Secretary