



SHELTON COMMUNITY GARDENS COMMITTEE

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Meeting Minutes, Monday, September 25, 2017

Present: Sharna Kozak (Chair), Allison Menendez (left at 7:55 pm), Patty VanSickle, Teresa Gallagher, Theresa Syc, Ann Singletary.

Absent: Stacia Monahan, Mary King

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman Sharna Kozak.

1. Meeting Minutes: Patty VanSickle made a motion to approve the minutes for April 17, 2017. Seconded by Allison Menendez. All were in favor.

2. Public Portion. Dave Miccinello said they appreciated having City water this year at Shelton Lakes. Al Jelenick requested a port-o-let or outhouse be installed at each of the gardens.

Allison Menendez made a motion to request a portolet be installed at each garden.

Discussion: Sharna Kozak was opposed to the idea for reasons including vandalism, cost, and potential health risk being next to a garden. How many of the gardeners want a port-o-let? The Committee could poll the gardeners. Teresa Gallagher was also opposed due to cost, not wanting to see or smell a port-o-let while gardening, and because there are dense woods nearby should the need arise. Other members did not have strong opinions. **The motion was tabled.**

3. 2018 Meeting Schedule

Allison Menendez made a motion to meet the following dates in 2018 at 7:00 pm:

- **Monday, February 5 (first Monday of month)**
- **Monday, April 9**
- **Monday, September 10**
- **Monday, November 12 (or Nov. 5 if City Hall is closed Nov. 12)**

Seconded by Patty VanSickle. All in favor.

2018 Garden Soiree: Sept. 7 was set for the 2018 Garden Soiree. Raindate will be Sept 8.

4. Nells Rock Corner Garden: Allison Menendez reported that she had plenty of volunteers this year. No major changes were made.

5. Shelton Lakes Garden:

- **Infrastructure improvements:** Sharna Kozak said that the City improvements had made a real difference at the garden (city water, new driveway, rock removal). There were still issues with trying to mow around the perimeter because the ground is so uneven. She would like the City to level it out.
- **Work Party:** November 4 was chosen for a fall work party starting at 8:00 am.
- **Garden Expansion:** Sharna Kozak noted there is no way to expand the Shelton Lakes Garden until the City screens the soil for rocks. They also need to go through the waiting list and determine how many people listed on there are still actually interested in obtaining a plot.
- **Inspections.** Sharna Kozak did some inspections for 2017. Next year Patty VanSickle will do the inspections.
- **Use of garage:** The City will be renting out the house. Teresa Gallagher said she spoke to the Mayor about continued use of the lower level of the garage by the Garden Committee and he agreed with that.

6. Long Hill Garden:

- **2017 Expansion.** Teresa Gallagher showed a general site plan for the expansion, which will consist of 7 plots and enclose the water spigot. Fencing materials were already purchased except for three 6x6 posts that are still needed. Teresa Gallagher and Sharna Kozak spoke with Dean Cawthra about having the ground turned over and tilled and he believes he can do it this fall. A tentative work party date of October 28 was set to install the fence. If the soil has not yet been turned, then Nov. 11 will be the fallback date.
- **East gate:** Sharna Kozak said that this gate needs to be repaired, perhaps there should be a separate crew to do that. Teresa Gallagher suggested Kelly Walsh may be willing to spearhead that.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 pm. Next meeting will be held February 5, 2018.

Meeting minutes were prepared by Teresa Gallagher.