

Madison Community Garden
Advisory Committee Meeting
January 20, 2021 Minutes

The meeting was conducted via Zoom due to the Covid-19 pandemic, and was called to order at 7:35 PM

Present: Steve McAuliffe, Sondra Clark, Mike Barrasso, Margaret Malishchak, Ursula Leonhardt, Lynn Macagnano, Maureen Byrne, Geoffrey Anderson, Stephan Stocker, Maureen Hoeflin, Charles Van Buskirk, Kirk Moehle

Absent: Brian Monaghan, Paul Schmitt, Geoffrey Thomas

Roll Call

The roll call was taken

Approval of Minutes/Agenda Review

There was a motion, a second and a unanimous vote to accept November 18, 2020. Margaret will provide these to the Borough Clerk

Public Comments – none

Nomination and election of officers and subcommittee heads:

Chair: Steve McAuliffe

Secretary: Maureen Hoeflin

Comptroller: Lynn Macagnano

Vice Chair: Mike Barrasso

Subcommittee heads

Communications: Geoffrey Anderson

Maintenance/Rules Brian Monaghan

Master Gardener: Steve Stocker

Membership: Margaret Malishchak

Apiary: Steve McAuliffe

Compost: Charles Van Buskirk

The Committee congratulated and thanked Margaret Malishchak for her 8 years of serving as Secretary. Margaret will continue as the membership and plot availability contact. Thank you Margaret

2021 Committee meeting schedule has been planned for the year and is set on the town calendar by Liz Osborne. All meetings are scheduled for the third Wednesday of the month (excluding July, October and December) at 7:30pm, all meetings are currently scheduled to be held via Zoom. The hope is to return to in-person meetings and reserve the right to cancel Zoom meetings at that point.

February 17, 2021

March 17, 2021

April 21, 2021

May 19, 2021

June 16, 2021

August 18, 2021

September 15, 2021

November 17, 2021

January 19, 2022 – 2022 Organizational Meeting

2021 Membership Update:

All garden plots are taken BUT there are 8 people who have not yet paid for the year - Margaret to contact them for their status. There are 3 people on the Madison wait list.

Ongoing business:

MRC meadow restoration – A controlled burn of the meadow has been approved by all authorities concerned. Waiting now for the right weather conditions to conduct the burning of the field.

Approval of the purchase of wildflower seeds for 6/7 acres has been secured from the Open Space Trust Fund. Seeds have been purchased and are housed in committee member's homes awaiting preparations of the meadow.

Front Gate: Several attempts to get quotes on the job have been made with no shows by the vendor. Name of the fence people that did the MRC fence to be provided.

New Business:

As it looks like we will still not be able to meet in person in the foreseeable future – discussion about how to conduct a large group Zoom meeting to talk to all the members of the community garden for the opening of the garden season are being explored.

Eagle Scout from Troop 25 has asked for a possible project. The kiosk and tool rack/organizer was mentioned to him. He is checking to see if this would meet the Eagle Scout requirement - awaiting word back from him. Scout to coordinate with Mike Barrasso.

Being no other business – meeting was adjourned.