

Manhattan Community Gardens
Minutes of April 1, 2015, Board Minutes

Present: J. David Mattox, Linda Teener, Carol Barta, Jay Guarneri, Stephen Williams, Dean Zollman, Meagan Duever, Travis Kummer, Dale Hayden and Jen Campbell.

J. David called the meeting to order at 5:30pm at the UFM meeting room. Dean moved approval of the previous month's minutes, Carol seconded, and the motion carried.

Linda reported that the previous month's spending was minimal. Dean moved approval of the Treasurer's report, Jay seconded, and the motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Records: Jay reported that all gardener information is up to date.

Public Relations: Information was sent to the newspaper and KMAN about the last gardener sign-up.

Equipment: Machines are ready to go except only one mower is operational at Riley Lane.

CLLRPC: After all the committee reports were completed, no plan has ever been developed to see the projects through completion. The committee reports just remain a series of projects. Dean would like to prioritize the projects to create an actual plan for Collins Lane

Riley Lane: New hoses have been installed and are working well. It was the recommendation of the board that a few extra hoses get purchased to have on hand as back up. Travis has been very proactive in trying to get gardeners to follow the MCG rules and not pile up debris outside their garden plots. However, a debris pile has become an issue. Travis contacted Howie's about obtaining a dumpster to help alleviate this issue. Howie's has offered their services free of charge.

Correspondence: Meagan reported there are a few corrections to email addresses. She will be sending out an email for the upcoming workday.

Compost/Mulch: The dairy barn has been contacted at KSU, however the compost is not ready for delivery. He is checking the availability of compost at the transfer station as well.

Old Business:

Workday coordinators for April workday: Travis, Stephen and Jen.

To date, there remains two ½ plots and four whole plots at Collins Lane. There are no available plots at Riley Lane.

Windbreak at Collins: subcommittee has not met yet.

Broadforks: Jay has sent in application but has not received a response yet.

New Business:

Riley County floodplain issues at Collins Lane:

The structures that house the equipment at Collins Lane are to be semi-permanent in nature and able to be moved if ever a flood issue arose. It was brought to FEMA's attention by a concerned citizen that these structures might be permanent. FEMA has issued a formal report along with recommendations for a plan of action. The structures at Collins Lane are movable. The MCG are in cooperation with the city as well as a local construction company to formulate a plan for moving the structures if need be.

Beekeeping at Collins Lane:

The board needed to vote on whether to keep the bee hives at Collins Lane. J.David made the formal motion to keep the hives, Jay seconded, and the motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:25pm with a motion made by Carol, it was seconded by Linda and the motion carried.