

**COVERT TOWNSHIP
COMMUNITY GARDEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
DRAFT Minutes
Friday, June 30, 2023 at 3:00 PM
Covert Branch Library, 33805 M-140, Covert, MI 49043**

The meeting was called to order by Chair R. Job at 3:08PM.

Members Present: Rebecca Job, Daywi Cook, Michelina Dominguez, Barbara Bainbridge

Members Absent: Patrice Jackson

Motion by D. Cook, supported by R. Job, to approve the agenda with addition of reviewing draft minutes.

Yes: 4, No: 0, Absent: 1 - CARRIED

Motion by R. Job, supported by M. Dominguez, to approve the draft minutes of the April 28 meeting as presented, and the May 26 meeting with a correction to the next meeting date.

Yes: 4, No: 0, Absent: 1 – CARRIED

Motion by D. Cook, supported by R. Job, to approve amending the regular meeting schedule to the last Friday of each month, instead of the third Friday of each month.

Yes: 4, No: 0, Absent: 1 – CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

NEW BUSINESS

Review Available Donations

D. Cook presented the list of donations already received and identified items still in need. There is a funding gap of \$3500. Letters of request have been sent to the Covert Community Foundation and Covert Lions Club. Inquiries will also be made to the Veterans Service Organization.

Discuss Potential New Purchases

Options for fencing, storage shed and sprinkler were presented and discussed.

Review Volunteer Recruitment Efforts

Van Buren County LINCS has expressed interest in helping with weeding and gardening. We will try to alternate Saturday and Friday work days and schedule pop up days as needed. The library staff continues to support by calling a list of volunteers.

Assess Available Seedlings for Planting

A list of seedlings, transplants and seeds for succession/intermittent planting were identified.

Programming Calendar Brainstorming

Members discussed programming ideas based on season. A draft calendar will be reviewed at the next meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

Motion to adjourn by R. Job at 3:49PM.

Respectfully submitted by D. Cook, Secretary

Next Meeting Friday, July 28, 2023 at 3:00 PM