

**COVERT TOWNSHIP  
COMMUNITY GARDEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Friday, February 28, 2025 at 4:00 PM  
Covert Branch Library, 33805 M-140, Covert, MI 49043

**DRAFT MINUTES**

Meeting was called to order by R. Job at 4:08pm

Present: R. Job, D. Cook, P. Jackson, B. Bainbridge

Absent: M. Dominguez

**Approve Agenda**

Motion by D. Cook, supported by R. Job, to approve the agenda with the addition of appointing officers under New Business.

Yes: 4, No: 0, CARRIED

**Public Comment:** None

**Approve Minutes**

Motion by P. Jackson, supported by R. Job, to approve the draft minutes from the October, 25, 2024 meeting.

Yes: 4, No: 0, CARRIED

**Discuss/Approve Bylaws Amendments**

Suggested changes were discussed and D. Cook shared details of the Township Resolution establishing the committee to ensure it is consistent and within their authority.

Motion by R. Job, supported by P. Jackson, to approve the By Laws and Rules of Procedure with amendments as presented.

Yes: 4, No: 0, CARRIED

**Discuss Volunteer Days**

B. Bainbridge will continue to coordinate volunteer days by calling volunteers and connecting with the Office Manager to get the latest contact list. Spring cleanup and planting of cold crops will be scheduled for 3/14/25 and 3/21/25 from 2pm to 4pm.

A list of plants was discussed: tomato, basil, marigolds, peppers, potatoes, carrots, radishes, beets, strawberries (new, in-ground), bush beans, onions, garlic bulbils, sweet potato, herbs (cilantro, dill, parsley), cucumbers (cattle panel to install), bush variety zucchini, snow peas, tomatillos, lettuces.

Other ideas:

- Assigning garden beds to each committee member to manage weeds, plantings, etc.
- Farm stand for bumper crops and food sharing. D. Cook will look into the ISD tech center to see if there is interest in creating a farm stand.
- Need to rotate crops as necessary to minimize pests and replenish soil.

### **Brainstorming Signage, Etc.**

Due to time, this discussion was tabled. Members will come to the next meeting with ideas.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:02pm.

Next Meeting Friday, March 28, 2025 at 4:00 PM