

COVERT TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY GARDEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DRAFT Minutes

Friday, April 26, 2024 at 4:00 PM

Covert Branch Library, 33805 M-140, Covert, MI 49043

The meeting was called to order by Chair R. Job at 4:15 PM.

Members Present: Rebecca Job, Barbara Bainbridge, Patrice Jackson

Members Absent: Daywi Cook, Michelina Dominguez

Motion by P. Jackson, supported by R. Job, to approve the agenda.

Yes: 3, No: 0, Absent: 2 - CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT: Renee Hostetler of Van Buren ISD discussed her contact with a science teacher at the Covert middle school who is interested in helping with regular weeding of the beds. Class availability is from 12:45-2:40 pm, can work any time we have into their schedule until school ends June 9, then resume when school resumes in late August.

NEW BUSINESS

Approve 3/28/25 Meeting Minutes Previous meeting's minutes were not printed out as of meeting's commencement, so approval will be tabled until May's meeting.

Discuss April Volunteers Day 7 volunteers total showed up: R. Job, B. Bainbridge, R. Hostetler, D. Cook, J. Cook, A. Dambrowski, M. Dambrowski. All present agreed we need to call volunteers earlier in order to get more people available to come for future events. Event included adding soil to several beds, transplanting garlic, planting mustard, mesclun, beets, carrots, and several other items, as well as laying straw in the gardening paths for weed control.

Go Over Final Planting Map Tabled until May meeting since we didn't have the finalized planting map printed as of meeting's commencement.

Discuss May/June Volunteer Days Members agreed on a planting volunteer day of May 16 from 2-5pm, with a backup date of May 23 from 2-5pm if weather doesn't cooperate. June volunteer dates will be discussed during May meeting,

may need a harvesting day for peas, radishes, etc, potential planting of raspberry canes.

Brainstorming Signage, Etc. All present members agreed that D. Cook's submitted proposal for a plant/weed identification flip book would be ideal. P. Jackson suggested a potential plexiglass cover for additional weatherproofing. R. Hostetler particularly liked the "How to Eat/Recipes" suggestion, thinks it's a good value add. P. Jackson suggests additional signage to the effect of "Take some for you and your family, leave the rest for others, and pull a few weeds while you're here!"

OTHER BUSINESS

None

Motion to adjourn by R. Job, supported by B. Bainbridge , at 4:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted by R. Job, Chair
Next Meeting Friday, May 30, 2025 at 4:00 PM