

**COVERT TOWNSHIP
COMMUNITY GARDEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
DRAFT Minutes**

**Friday, May 30, 2025 at 4:00 PM
Covert Branch Library, 33805 M-140, Covert, MI 49043**

The meeting was called to order by Chair R. Job at 4:06 PM.

Members Present: Daywi Cook, Rebecca Job, Barbara Bainbridge, Patrice Jackson

Members Absent: 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 Covert Public School's interest in growing plants for the garden next spring in their greenhouse, and scheduling a date in August (tentatively 8/20) to weed and harvest.
- Milan Harden, the Covert Branch Manager, shared two upcoming events. On July 30th the library will host a Healthy Start picnic, and on June 5th they kick start their summer reading program with bounce houses, ice cream from the Covert Park Beach & Campground, and more.

NEW BUSINESS

Approve 4/25/2025 Meeting Minutes

Motion by P. Jackson, supported by B. Bainbridge, to approve the minutes.
Carried.

March minutes were not printed.

Discuss Memorial Day Table Event

Approximately 45 people visited. Renee from VBISD provided fresh tomato salsa and vegetable scrubbers, and information on how to volunteer and grow a home garden was distributed. It was agreed that the event had a lot of exposure and to repeat next year.

Go Over Final Planting Map

Everything has been planted as of 5/16's volunteer day. Could plant some pest

detering herbs, such as marigolds, nastartium, borage, etc. The strawberry patch is not ready for planting, so we will wait and see if the tarp method will work.

Discuss June Volunteer Days

The next date is set for 6/13 1 – 3pm to weed whip and mulch the pathways, and install signs if we have them. Weeding and planting may also be performed.

Signage

Daywi Cook will help create a template to provide to committee members who are able to execute the project. Becca Job will provide a list of plants that we planted. We will also look into a poster of common weeds in Michigan.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

Motion to adjourn by R. Job, supported by B. Bainbridge , at 4:56 PM.

Respectfully submitted by D. Cook, secretery
Next Meeting Friday, June 27, 2025 at 4:00 PM