

COVERT TOWNSHIP
COMMUNITY GARDEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Thursday, January 29, 2026 at 1:30 PM
Covert Branch Library, 33805 M-140, Covert, MI 49043

DRAFT MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 1:37pm by Chairperson, Rebecca Job.

Present: Rebecca Job, Daywi Cook, Milan Harden, Barbara Bainbridge

Absent: Patrice Jackson

Agenda

Motion by D. Cook, supported by R. Job, to approve the agenda, with the addition of review of the draft minutes from the October 30, 2025 meeting. Carried.

Minutes

Motion by R. Job, supported by M. Harden, to approve the draft minutes from the October 30, 2025 meeting. Carried.

Public Comment

None

NEW BUSINESS

2025 Garden “After Action” Discussion

The committee agreed that last year’s garden did not get as much attention as years’ past due to busy schedules and lack of volunteer communication and coordination. M. Harden’s role as branch manager will be helpful in integrating library resources to have regular engagement from patrons.

It was agreed that the walkways will need better weed barrier and maintenance. R. Job may have a porous weed barrier we can use.

Volunteer Sources Discussion

A youth garden club will be established to help maintain the garden and educate on how to grow, harvest and eat fresh fruit and vegetables. A social media admin will update the public on what is available to harvest during these weekly programs in the summer. The library staff can assist in periodic watering. D. Cook

will coordinate with Senior Services on programming and send liability waivers to the library for “work” volunteers.

Seed/Seedling Planning

M. Harden expressed interest in growing seedlings at the library as a youth program. Materials will be specified and purchased with donated funds. A south facing window was identified. It has been difficult to get response from the school to participate in a seedling project. Committee members will also have surplus seeds and plants to share. The committee will assess where a strawberry patch can be planted.

Signage Update

R. Job was successful in using AI to generate informational ID cards for the garden beds. They will be circulated to review for accuracy and modified to be easier to read. Then they can be printed, laminated and ready to mount in the spring.

Adjourn

R. Job moved to adjourn at 2:26pm.

Next Meeting February 26, 2026 at 1:30 PM

Respectfully submitted by Daywi Cook, Secretary.