

# Watkins Pond Community Garden Board Meeting 03/11/2018

## Action Items

- Britt: Re-send information about the Garden Board's Google Drive to Board members
- Zellweger: Send email to King Farm listserv and post on Facebook about Children's Garden and available plots
- Marcheschi or Braunstein: Send email reminder about the 3/25/18 work party
- Marcheschi: Send out proposed dates for meeting
- Britt: Print and install new plot labels
- Britt: Gather and post resources for new gardeners
- Braunstein: Begin to keep list of Work Party attendance
- Pacher: Email her daughter's schoolmates about the Children's Garden
- Marcheschi: Figure out how to change front gate lock combination
- Marcheschi: Order wood chips

## Notes

### Roll Call

Member at Large: Steven Braunstein, Rachel Britt: Secretary, Ryan Marcheschi: President, Sylvia Pacher: Treasurer, Dres Zellweger: Vice President

### Member Update

- As of 3/11/2018, there were 3 half plots available
- Zellweger will send an email to the King Farm listserv and post on the King Farm Facebook page to advertise for the remaining plots and the Children's Garden

### Budget

- As of 3/11/2018 the Garden's account balance was \$1924
- The Board is expecting payments from 2 more current members
- There are still 3 half plots available (\$90 in plot fees), and we have yet to collect fees for the Children's Garden (up \$200)
- The Board will need to buy hoses and spigots. We budgeted \$50 for this expense
- We spent ~\$200 on fencing and ties, and likely have plenty to repair the entire fence line, if needed. The budget contains another \$200 for fence materials.

### Work Parties

- Review of the first work party on 3/10/18
  - Bamboo retrieval went well, the home owner who donated the bamboo was pleased to be rid of it
  - Trimming of the trees overhanging the garden is done, the tree branches were moved to the front of the garden
  - As expected, tree trimming caused considerable damage to the fence
  - Leaves were moved from the mulch pile, and there is now enough room to get wood chips delivered

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- Future work parties
  - In his role as Member at Large, Steven Braunstein is responsible for maintaining a list of Work Party activities. Board members should be sure to send a list of Work Party tasks to Steven.
  - Tasks for the next (3/25/18) work party:
    - Repair fence
    - Stabilize shed
    - Rent truck – Haul off branches and trash
    - Distribute wood chips on pond side (if wood chips available)
    - Zellweger show Britt water maintenance
    - If there are enough volunteers, have some of them weed the Children's Garden plots
  - For future work parties, the Board decided to:
    - Send a reminder email to the entire Garden membership a week ahead of each Work Party
    - Tabulate attendance by plot, rather than by members

## Children's Garden Update

- The first meeting of the Children's Garden will take place in the Garden on 4/7/2018. They will plant peas.
- Zellweger email Dale McCarthy about calling for participants
- Help will be needed to plant peas on 4/7/2018
- If there are sufficient volunteers at the 3/25/18 Work Party, some of them could be asked to weed the Children's Garden plots

## Security

- The code for the lock has not been changed for years, and there have been some incidences of the gates left wide open and missing produce
- By May 1<sup>st</sup> the combination for the front gate lock will be changed, and the Board will give plenty of notice to the Garden Membership

## Any other issues

- Marcheschi will forward a brief description of garden to Zellweger to use for email and Facebook posts
- Need to install plot labels
- Marcheschi will send out a proposed time for the next Board meeting
- To give the entire Garden Membership more opportunity to participate in Board activities, the Board will set the date/time for meetings earlier, and invite everyone to attend
- The Garden has a number of new gardeners. Britt will compile some resources for new gardeners (see below) and post them to the website
  - Getting started
  - What to plant when
  - Good gardening websites/books
  - Guide to composting
  - Planting timing guide
  - List of experienced gardeners willing to help