

Minutes Greendale Children's Garden April 8, 2024

Attendees: Sally Chadwick, Jackie Kraemer, Paula Wallner, Pam Kania, Pam Cooley, Robin Kurutz, Kate Braatz and Jan Murry

Treasurer's Report: The Garden has \$4,356.39 in our account, all operating funds.

Alverno Students: We will have two groups of students from Alverno College to assist with garden cleanup prior to Clean & Green Day. The dates are Wednesday April 24 and Friday April 26, from 1:00 – 3:30 p.m. Please let Pam Kania know which date/s and times you are able to participate.

Award Presentation from Ashley Haas: The Children's Garden Committee was presented an Outstanding Partner Award for Village Organizations.

Mulch Delivery: Mulch can be placed in the garden at any time. Areas to be mulched are the approach and walking areas (Pam K. will contact Rod Damask for delivery confirmation).

Free Library: Our Little Library has been primed and painted by Pam Cooley and as of 4/15 is in the hands of Sally Chadwick for decorating. It will be back to Pam Cooley by the first week in May for finishing and it will be unveiled at the Village's Clean and Green Day on May 11. DPW will mount, and a Thank You plaque will be added recognizing The Cyganiak family.

Donated Free Library Books: We have several boxes of donated books in our storage area under the Field Workshop. We need to meet to organize them for easy selection as respects topics, season, etc. Mary Oster and Robin have volunteered to assist.

Fairy Tree Work Day: Saturday, May 4 at 1:00 p.m. is the designated day to clean up and re-decorate the Fairy Tree. Please come and help if you are able.

Spring Garden Items to be Planted Before Clean and Green: Due to the early date, we are limited to cool weather crops and will plant lettuce, radishes and snap peas prior to May 11.

Clean and Green Day is May 11, 2024 from 9:00 a.m. to noon (official hours). The Garden will have spinach and beets to plant, and possibly our pumpkin vines.

June 4 at 6:00 p.m. is the next **Village Board** meeting. We will give the Board an update on the progress of the Garden.

Outdoor Bulletin Boards: Story Book Solutions Showcases – The dimensions of the boards are 24" x 18", mounted at a 45 degree angle onto a post between 28 and 32 inches tall. The posts are aluminum and the DPW will install them for us. Display windows load from the bottom. Price is \$302.82 each. Shipping is \$145 total, and this figure is for two or three boards.

We intend to display announcements, educational topics, thank yous and other pertinent materials.

With funds donated by The Morning Coffee Crew and The Garden Gazing Committee, we can purchase two boards, and are obtaining a quote for three of them.

In order to gauge size and placement with respect to the Garden's site, Pam C. made three mock-ups of the boards and Pam K. will place them at the Garden and photos for everyone to see so we can determine how many we would like to order.

Donated Planters: The Milk Can restaurant had several raised planters that were up for grabs, and Paula was able to get them donated to the Garden.

Lion's Club Grant: It was decided among the group to use our grant from the Lion's Club to build handicap accessible picnic tables. Jackie Kramer advised her husband could build them for us for roughly \$150 each in material costs. We would also need a concrete slab for each, so we are requesting two tables and two slabs. Per Rod Damask, the concrete would be \$800 and the DPW's labor \$400 for the two slabs together.

Bird Nest Flyer: Sally prepared several pamphlets on how to attract birds and fun facts about birds. These will provide a tie-in with The Nest, and can be put in our Little Library for people to take.

Project Proposal: Pam K. distributed the Proposal for our Kickoff event at Clean & Green. This coincides with the DPW's Tree Planting and the Health Department's Healthy Mind, Health Greendale promotion as well as a general cleanup in the Village.

Setup for the Children's Garden Committee will be 8:00 a.m.

Please refer to the Proposal document for further details.

Future Money Makers: To be discussed at next meeting.

Facebook/Village Website updates: Kate Bratz advised that a Girl Scout troop from Canterbury elementary school contacted us to display a recycled craft at the Garden. Photos of the craft, flowers made with recycled bottles, were shown to the group and the group's answer was an enthusiastic "yes" for the troop to place the flowers in the Garden at Clean & Green day.

Kindness Award: This month's award goes to Erica Ernzen – Tourism & Events Coordinator. Erica has been of assistance in providing our signage and ads for events.