

TSG STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Monday, June 5, 2023 at 6:30PM

Virtual Via Google Meet: <https://meet.google.com/ycd-ivjw-wwc>

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STEERING COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE:			
•	Greta Baith, Secretary	•	Angie Jaszek
•	David Berch, Co-Chair	•	Luren Jenison
•	Patrick Boyle	•	Justino Navarro
•	Karen Cherubini	X	James Pavlock
•	Marcia Connolly, Chair	•	Barry Rucks, Treasurer
•	Trish DiPietrae	X	Russ Troyer
•	Ed Gruberg		
•	Linda Hennessey		
COMMITTEES & GUESTS			
•	Meg Gillespie, Co-Chair of Events Committee		

Meeting was called to order at 6:32 PM

-May's Meeting Minutes not approved. Need to approve at July's meeting.

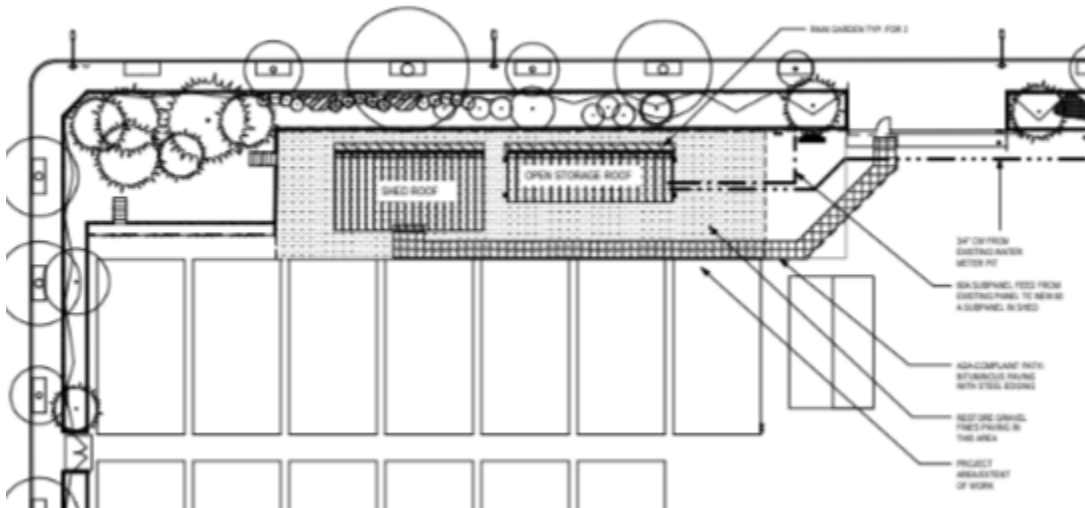
TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Bank Accounts: 17k in Checking; 10k in Money Market
- Steering Committee voted in favor of putting 10k into 8 month CD at 3.25%
- BR/MC to create fundraising bucket for Food Truck Nights only to differentiate from general events and donations.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:

- Steering Committee Members MUST also be active on another committee
- Garden theft: Reports of garden tools missing in plots, unsupervised children stealing strawberries in plots.
- Only gardeners should have code to garden gates, babysitters should not have codes.
- Preschool Visitors: 3 preschools use the community garden everyday. JN reported the kids from Montessori were unsupervised and using the picnic area as a play area. MC to send notice to Montessori school.
- GB to print signs for garden paths to restrict non-gardeners from roaming garden paths.
- Reports of kids riding in wheelbarrows. Need for a permanent storage shed to house equipment.
- Backflow Water Valve Project: We are not in compliance with Philadelphia code and must bring the backflow water valve above ground. Estimate 7k to complete the project. We plan to apply for a grant from Urban Agriculture Instructure Grant to build a small shed and bring backflow water valve above ground.

- Opportunity to apply for Campbell Soup Grant-Need an employee to recommend our organization. Ask around the community to find a neighbor who can recommend us.
- Main Storage Shed Project in NorthWest Corner:
 - Design plans were presented in 2021 See link:
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1D_Kuu5kXo1SIYarGDSs7GNtDK2IJztNz/view?usp=drive_link



- Estimated cost is 70-80k with construction.
- We have received 2 estimates
- Goal is to complete by our 30 year anniversary in 2025

COMMUNICATIONS:

- Communications to add Meeting Minutes to the website and create better transparency to gardeners.

MAINTENANCE & CONSTRUCTION

- RT has a team of 8 gardeners who have completed bed repairs

EVENTS & FUNDRAISING:

- Committee reviewed the fee structure now that we have 3 picnic areas available for rentals. Members: \$25 per hour; Non-Members \$50 per hour; Non-Profit Rate is \$35 per hour.
- Philadelphia Parks and Recs fees: Picnic Sites \$35; Pavilions \$140
<https://www.phila.gov/services/permits-violations-licenses/apply-for-a-permit/event-permits/events-in-a-city-park-field-or-rec-center/get-a-picnic-permit/>
- \$10 Donation-Based Yoga Class starting in June
- June 21 Summer Solstice Soiree
 - Sponsor Retro Fitness and 4EverYoung donated \$300 which will cover Face Painter and any additional entertainment costs.

- June 3 Private Event in the garden with live music-DB videotaped the party, followed the kids walking in the garden paths, and witnessed children playing in wheelbarrows. The Steering committee discussed that the party was inline with our rules & regulations as well as abiding by the noise ordinance of the city. Signage will be added to the garden paths to prevent non-gardeners from walking in paths. We have a huge need for a permanent storage shed to house equipment such as wheelbarrows to not get in the hands of children.
- Reminder to DB and Steering committee members in general to act appropriately as representatives of the garden and respecting private parties.

HORTICULTURE

- 19th St Edging in place but needs soil.
- North Street Beautification Project: Steering Committee voted in favor of purchasing Nelly Stevens Holly Bushes for \$1700 which will be planted on North Street in October and provide privacy and a noise buffer to the North Street neighbors.

VOLUNTEER:

- 2 Workdays in May; 72% Show Rate
- Volunteer Coordinators-Clipboards are on on Bulletin board
- Sign up sheets for non-gardener volunteers. All are welcome to show up to any workday
- We have open dates which needs Steering Committee members as coordinators
- Love your park day was a success
- Add Volunteer Dates to the Website and encourage volunteers (gardeners & Non-Gardeners) to just show up to workdays
- Kudos to Karen and her amazing volunteer website & organization!

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

- N/A

MISCELLANEOUS

- EG left meeting early. We will discuss the future of Green Thoughts at the next meeting where EG is present.
- May Meeting minutes were to be approved after Green Thoughts discussion and we will need to approve them at July's meeting.
- **Meeting Adjourned at 7:57PM**