

City of Milton
Parks & Recreation Commission
Story Gardens Subcommittee
May 4, 2020

Call To Order

Chairperson Inga Cushman called the May 4, 2020 meeting of the Story Gardens Subcommittee to order at 5:18 p.m.

Present: Chairperson Inga Cushman; Library Director Ashlee Kunkel; Assistant Library Director Jayme Anderson; Parks & Recreation Commissioners Karen Reed, Lee Ann Hare, and Andrea Christianson; Parks & Recreation Commissioner and Library Board President Annette Smith; Barb Braun; Barbara Bendlin; and Leah Kinmonth.

Also Present: Ald. Larry Laehn and City Engineer Mark Langer.

Approve Agenda

B. Bendlin motioned to approve the agenda. Comm. Smith seconded, and the motion carried.

Approval Of Minutes - April 20, 2020

Comm. Reed motioned to approve the minutes. Comm. Hare seconded, and the motion carried.

Discussion And Possible Action On Raised Garden Beds

B. Bendlin stated her family will donate the perennials and annuals for the two raised garden beds in 2020. She also discussed the preferred soil mix, and the cost will likely be about \$150 for the two garden beds. B. Bendlin and Chairperson Cushman will coordinate purchase of the soil.

The subcommittee discussed planting between May 21 – 26. Chairperson Cushman will send out an email to determine a date that will work best for those who want to assist while following physical distancing guidelines.

Discussion And Possible Action On Receipt Of GROWMARK Grant For Pollinator Garden

Assistant Director Anderson provided an update on this grant. The subcommittee decided to plant the seeds in the area near the windows to the lower level of the library building. Director Kunkel and Chairperson Cushman will discuss preparing the site with Public Works Director Howard Robinson.

Ald. Laehn stated he will donate the plant markers to be used in the raised garden beds and pollinator area. Chairperson Cushman and Director Kunkel will work on a sign designating the pollinator garden as such with a list of the plants.

Discussion And Possible Action On Outdoor Programming Space

Chairperson Cushman has no new updates. She is currently working with Menards to make modifications to the plans.

Discussion And Possible Action On Fundraising And Recognition Of Donors

Chairperson Cushman presented a fundraising guide to the subcommittee to review. It outlines sponsorship levels for the project and the vision for the space.

B. Bendlin motioned to approve the fundraising guide as presented. B. Braun seconded, and the motion carried.

General Items

Chairperson Cushman stated staff is working with the Rock County Chapter of the Ice Age Trail Alliance on a possible minor reroute to allow the trail to go through Story Gardens. The chapter mentioned having some type of piece in Story Gardens for education about the Ice Age Trail.

B. Bendlin discussed an idea for the seating area for the performance space to resemble a castle since a stone wall is already there.

Chairperson Cushman stated the Public Works Department started removing some of the stone retaining wall to accommodate the ramp on the north side of the site.

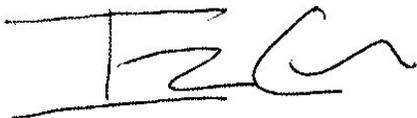
Set Next Meeting Date

The next meeting of the Story Gardens Subcommittee will take place on May 18, 2020 at 5:15 p.m.

Motion To Adjourn

Comm. Hare motioned to adjourn the May 4, 2020 meeting of the Story Gardens Subcommittee at 5:59 p.m. Comm. Christianson seconded, and the motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Inga Cushman', written over a horizontal line.

Inga Cushman
Administrative Services Director