June 22, 2022
Bauer Classroom

In attendance: Holly Johnson, Ted Rahmann, John Paulson, Jim Henneberry, Ruthanna Terreri, Julie Ainsworth, Kristin Wildermann
Absent: Ann Judd
Guests: Pam Gallagher – Madison Garden Club

Meeting called to order by Ted Rahmann at 7:08 pm

1. Approval of meeting minutes – John moved that the minutes of the May 25 meeting be approved. Jim seconded. All in favor.

2. Public Comments
   a) Orchard
      i) Ted presented email comments from Tom Cleveland. The Committee agreed that vole guards could be placed on the trees. It was agreed that the other two suggestions – placement of pea stone around the trees and staking of the trees – required Beach and Rec input and would be discussed further with Austin Hall.
      ii) Pam Gallagher reported that the Garden Club was working with Tom on the orchard as well as with Ellen van Wees on the Farming Project revitalization.
   b) Farming Project/Garden Club
      i) Ted presented email comments from Deidre Prisco of the Garden Club. In response to her suggestion of a 50/50 split in financing Ted explained that Bauer Park has no budget and thus no funds to contribute.
      ii) Pam stated that the Garden Club has been working with Ellen van Wees and said that she sees overlap in goals since the Garden Club also an educational component.
      iii) Julie reported email comments from Ellen including her recommendation to save money by repairing the current fence instead of installing a new one.
      iv) There was general agreement a water line needs to be brought to the site from the irrigation pond but it is unclear what the town’s role in this could be.
      v) Pam stated that eventually the Garden Club will need some specifics on costs to make decisions.
      vi) It was agreed that a subcommittee will meet to discuss the project. The tentative date is July 26 at 7 PM. Ted will confirm that Austin and Ellen can both attend before confirming.
   c) Mad for Trees
      i) Mad for Trees will be giving away trees in September. They have requested to run this event at Bauer Park on September 17.
      ii) There was general agreement that this event could proceed at Bauer.
3. Chair’s Report – Ted reported that Dave Larocca donned a protective suit and removed poison ivy around the property.

4. Section Reports
   a) Volunteers Coordinator – nothing to report
   b) Buildings and Grounds
      i) There is a proposed donation of a martin house. Holly will check with Susannah to make sure there are no conflicts with existing birds at Bauer before it’s installed.
      ii) Holly also reported on the beech blight that is killing trees in the area.
   c) Public Relations and Publicity Report – Ruthanna reported that an article appeared in The Source about the bee project.
   d) Gardens – Holly reported that all is going well. Next work day is July 9.
   e) Educational Report - Julie reported that summer camps are underway.
   f) Garden Club / Farming Project – discussion occurred under public comments

5. Harvest Festival - Ted reported Rich Scully will be able to help.

6. Old Business
   a) There has been a request for a memorial bench. Ted will respond.
   b) The Committee agreed to add flowering dogwoods and willows to the list of approved species for memorial trees

7. New Business - none

Adjournment

Motion made by Holly to adjourn the meeting; motion seconded by John. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristin Wildermann