

## Schuylkill River Park Community Garden (SRPCG) Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

**Location:** Markward Rec Center

**Monday, June 5, 2023 7:00-8:45pm**

**Minutes** Recorded and Submitted by Steve Slaterbeck on behalf of Cerie Goldenberg, Secretary

**In Attendance:** Steve Slaterbeck, Cricket Brosius, Chris Bullard, , Scott Farrington, Diane Frankel, Bhavisha Patel, John Wagner, Linda Zaimis

**Absent:** Jesse Cohen, Cerie Goldenberg, Dave Peachey

**Guest:** Raymond Balaguer-Barbosa, Urban Ag Educator, Penn State Extension

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action/Responsible Party/ Timeline
<b>Call to order and Approval of Minutes</b>	<b>Called to order by Steve Slaterbeck.</b> <b>May Minutes approved.</b>	<b>Steve:</b> Post May minutes on SRPCG website <b>Cerie:</b> Post May minutes on the garden bulletin board.
<b>Treasurer's Report</b>	<u><a href="#">Diane Frankel:</a></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● CCRA provided garden Financials through April 30 including expense details</li> </ul>	<b>All Reimbursement forms should be sent to Travis Oliver, at CCRA. (<a href="mailto:twoliver@gmail.com">twoliver@gmail.com</a>) and cc the Steering Committee (<a href="mailto:steering@srpcg.org">steering@srpcg.org</a>)</b>
<b>New and Old Business</b>	<p>Guest Raymond Balaguer-Barbosa of Penn State Extention presented soil test results. Full results document can be found on the garden website.</p> <p>1) Based on the soil measurements from side beds, high levels of nutrients and organic matter were found. So no additional compost needed until these values come down (the next several years). Gardeners are encouraged to get soil samples of their own plots to see where they stand. Goal is for pH to be neutral or a little bit higher.</p> <p>2) Because nitrogen is more unstable in soil, gardeners are encouraged to fertilize on a regular (2-3 week interval) basis with an organic fertilizer that is high in N and low or absent of the other nutrients (fish emulsion or blood meal or feather meal) and forgo the fertilization with other products such as Gardentome or steer manure. In other words, only add a fertilizer with the N-P-K numbers with only or mostly only nitrogen, very little or no phosphorus or potassium</p> <p>3) Although lead levels were well below the Pennsylvania and US set threshold, lead was detected, so gardeners are recommended to wash all produce before eating it, and peel root vegetables.</p> <p>In a nutshell, you do not need to apply compost or any other organic amendment for this season, except for a source of Nitrogen (and only nitrogen). For example, fish emulsion, blood meal, bone meal, and anything with a <i>guaranteed analysis</i> of (#-0-0), where the “#” can be anything from 5 to 20.</p>	<b>Steve:</b> Schedule Raymond Balaguer Barbosa to present soil results at November Workday, and the March 2024 Annual Meeting
<b>COMMITTEE REPORTS</b>		

<b>PLOT ASSIGNMENTS</b>	<b>John Wagner:</b> <a href="mailto:listmanager@srpcg.org">listmanager@srpcg.org</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Plot K-1 has been reassigned.</li> <li>There are 78 people on the waiting list as of May 1st.</li> </ul>	
<b>PLOT USE</b>	<b>Bhavisha Patel :</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No work has been done on Plot F-9. One plot contains mint.</li> <li>Bhavisha will be communicating with these gardeners.</li> <li>There is a designated community peppermint patch in the southwest corner by the persimmon trees. Looks like plants were decimated.</li> </ul>	<b>Bhavisha:</b> Communicate with these gardeners.  <b>Diane:</b> Purchase and plant to peppermint plants in designated mint patch.
<b>CITY HARVEST</b>	<b>Linda Zaimis:</b> <a href="mailto:linda.zaimis@gmail.com">linda.zaimis@gmail.com</a> 63.5 lbs. Harvested to date!	
<b>FACILITIES</b>	<b>Dave Peachey:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Water fountain installation to be determined.</li> <li>No gravel delivered until next spring.</li> </ul>	<b>All:</b> Determine placement and height of new waterfountain. <b>Dave:</b> Schedule John Bee Plumbing to install <b>Steve:</b> Order 6 cubic yards of gravel for Spring Workday
<b>WEEKLY CHORES</b>	<b>Jesse Cohen:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All gardeners have been assigned a chore week.</li> <li>All gardeners have been notified of their chore week partner.</li> <li>A reminder email will be sent out 5-10 days before gardeners assigned week.</li> </ul>	<b>Jesse</b>
<b>WORKDAY TASKS</b>	<b>Cricket Brosius</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chores will be assigned to gardeners who did not attend the workday and/or the annual meeting. Participation is expected in 3 of the 4 events.</li> <li>Cricket is in communication with these gardeners.</li> </ul>	<b>All:</b> Suggest workday makeup tasks for Cricket
<b>PARKSIDE PLANTINGS</b>	<b>Scott Farrington:</b> <a href="mailto:scottfarrington@yahoo.com">scottfarrington@yahoo.com</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Park irrigation is on. Some heads aren't functioning.</li> <li>Discussed giving wait listers opportunity to help with Parkside Plantings</li> </ul>	<b>Steve:</b> Provide Scott with Green Estates contact info. <b>Scott:</b> Write email inviting waitlisters to assist if they'd like to.
<b>CHILDREN'S EVENTS COMMUNITY EVENTS</b>	<b>Cerie Goldenberg:</b> <a href="mailto:Cerie@srpcg.org">Cerie@srpcg.org</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ladybug Release Party. Biggest turnout ever!, Wednesday, May 24th at 5pm</li> <li>3,000 ladybugs, coloring, juice</li> </ul> Harvest Dinner, Sunday, August 27th	<b>Cerie, Dave and Steve</b>
<b>COMMUNICATIONS</b>	<b>Website:</b> Steve <b>Facebook:</b> Steve <b>Bulletin Board:</b> Cerie <b>Emails:</b> Cerie	

**NEXT STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING: MONDAY, June 10, 2023 AT 7PM AT THE MARKWOOD REC CENTER**