

MINUTES

May 8, 2017

Council on Aging Grounds Committee

Senior Center 230 Webster St., Marshfield, Ma 02050

ATTENDANCE: Martine Anderson, Carol Hamilton and Barbara Van Houten.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 9:35 am.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of March 28, 2017 were voted on. Martine made the motion to approve the minutes, Barbara seconds. Motion passes.

DISCUSSION:

- A. Landscape Design – Anne Sheridan, Landscape Architect is currently working on a plan. She will be available to present a design to the Grounds Committee on Tuesday, May 22, 2017 @ 9:00 am. Martine offered to contact the Grounds Committee members that were not able to make today's meeting. She will confirm that the next meeting's suggested time and date will work for the committee.
- B. The "One Heart Many Hands" – The "One Heart" program held on Friday, April 28th from 8-1:30 was a big success. We got many tasks accomplished such as; weeding, raking mulching and general clean up. The areas we focused on were; the sign planter where there were some plants put in and the raised gardens where the soil was turned over to get ready for planting. The other two major areas worked on were the patio garden and beds in front of the building which required a bit of work. We could have used more students, as only 5 had signed up for the Senior Center. The students showed a great deal of initiative and fortitude, which we are very grateful for. The Grounds Committee members and the adult chaperones also contributed a substantial amount of labor.
- C. The raised garden program registration began April 1, 2017. We did not know how many people have signed up for this year. We are still looking for a design and pricing related to expansion of the raised garden beds before making a final decision. Funding will be a major hurdle as the masonry work for the walls is expensive. It was suggested that we forgo the brick patio beneath the garden and put down stone dust to save on cost.
- D. Status of Outdoor Recreation Projects – Phase 2 will get underway starting August 1, 2017. The COA and MYBL plan to reapply to CPC to get more funding for the next phase of the project. The variance has been approved as well as the endangered species concerns being ruled out.
- E. Other Improvements –
 - * Walk Path - Brian Murphy has been organizing a clean- up on the walk path and Youth Baseball areas, which have had many noticeable improvements.
 - * Shed – The shed needs to be reorganized and cleaned up. Barbara Van Houten and her husband will volunteer to reorganize and clean up the shed.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will take place on Monday, May 22, 2017 @ 9:00 am.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 am.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carol Hamilton, Director
Council on Aging

