

MINUTES

April 10, 2019

Council on Aging Grounds Committee

Senior Center 230 Webster St., Marshfield, Ma 02050

ATTENDANCE: Martine Anderson, Carol Hamilton, Steve Rhodes, Barbara Van Houten and Paul Winget.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 9:40 am.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of June 14, 2018 were voted on. Barbara made the motion to approve the minutes, Paul seconds. Motion passes.

DISCUSSION:

Phase III of the outdoor recreation area is in the planning stages. The engineering proposal from Amory Engineers has been approved by the DPW Board. The Town Engineers are now working up a contract in conjunction with the proposal. The contract will then have to be signed off by the town and then the firm can start working on a plan. The project will take roughly 6 months.

The One Heart Many Hands program is scheduled for April 26th starting at 8:00 am. We will need rakes for the kids to work with. Martine will pick up some gloves. It was suggested that the students turn the raised garden beds over and put in some potting soil in preparation for the seniors to do some planting. Martine will get some potting soil. Carol will get some mulch from the DPW delivered. We should spread some mulch in the patio gardens and in the front of the building. Martine will try to ask a few of our patrons to help out to supervise the day of the One Heart Many Hands, such as Barry, Glen and Charlie. Is the National Guard a potential resource for labor? Maybe we could check into this.

Martine will try to get some potting soil for the garden beds donated from a local business. Gwen has planted some purple flowers in the front pots along with some artificial forsythias. The geraniums will be planted around Memorial Day. Gwen will also take care of the patio pots in this same time period.

The major areas to cover of the Senior Center Grounds are the back area by Webster St., as this area is filled with leaves. The leaves can be put across the access road for now. Raking this area would give it a neater look and it would be more useable. The picnic table could go out in the back once we clean it up. The DPW have been asked to trim or remove dead trees and broken limbs preferably before the 26th of April. We also hope to clean up the garden beds around the building particularly in the front and the patio areas. It was also suggested that the students pick up branches on the lawn.

We are expecting about 7 or 8 students from the High School to help with the Senior Center Grounds. The Social Service Coordinator has also lined up 10 homes for individual clean-ups throughout the community. These students may also come for lunch for a total of about 45 to 50 people including chaperones. Carol will order pizza and we will also have donuts and coffee for the morning crew.

There are cracks in the upper parking lot and some holes in the pavement. Some of the lines also need to be repainted such as the one on the access road. We will speak to DPW about that. Baseball opening day is Saturday, April 27th per Brian Murphy, MYBL

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting was not scheduled at this time.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 am.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carol Hamilton, Director
Council on Aging