

24 April 2017 HAC Meeting

Called to order by Debbi Clark at 6:05

Present: Deby, Tom, Susan, Ellen Doug, Andrew, Pam

Absent: Kelly

Guest: Paul Hagman, president of FFRG

Minutes of 23 Feb 2017 approved and accepted with spelling corrections.

New Business:

- 1, Old lean-to is to be decommissioned and replaced.
 2. FFRG have offered to purchase a new high tunnel hoop building to replace the lean-to, with funding up to \$25,000
 3. FFRG presented this proposal to the MCMP Board at the last board meeting and the board tabled the proposal with the suggestion that the plans and purchase be brought to the HAC.
 4. Questions were raised as to who would install the high tunnel ...contractors or employees.
 5. Andrew stated that FRG employees are already stretched fairly thin and with the pending retirement of a long time garden employee expectations that employees could install the high tunnel would be overly optimistic.
 6. Benches in the current high tunnel were donated by the Men's Garden Club of Youngstown.
 7. HAC agreed that a new high tunnel is greatly needed and that recommendation should be presented at the MCMP board work session in May with a completion date to be late Aug.
 8. Tom Ferguson suggested checking into possibly purchasing a used high tunnel and will research the availability and report at the next HAC meeting.
- Motion was made by Deby that MCMP board accept the proposal from FFRG to build/purchase the high tunnel with the offered \$25,000 with completion date of 30 Sept 2017. Motion second by Ellen, motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

1. Accession records for 2016 were presented by Andrew (Excel format)
2. Deaccession records for 2016 to be presented at next HAC meeting.
3. Rob and Lily are working on new plant labels.

4. HAC to make suggestion to Aaron or Mandy about adding Horticulture Education program being added to HAC charge.
5. Doug went over his paper on the Forestry Crew/Maintenance Overview.
 - a. Is MCMP working with a consulting arborist?
 - b. What sort of training and safety protocols are being taught to the current forestry crew?
 - c. Add historical data about forestry crew numbers to the paper.
 - d. Who is currently responsible for and actively monitoring tree health throughout the park?
6. Doug to present Forestry Overview paper at May 2017 MCMP board work session as recommendation for a more proactive rather than reactive protocol.
7. Pesticide/fertilizer lists for Golf Course were presented by Andrew to be given to Kelly.
8. Andrew has not received pesticide/fertilizer lists from Operations.
9. Possible topics to be brought to MCMP Board Meeting:
 - a. Forestry Crew and Forest Maintenance
 - b. Horticulture Education program oversight/monitoring to be added to HAC charge.
 - c. High Tunnel

Next Meeting: 14 June 2017 6 pm Briar Hill Cabin
Meeting adjourned 7:45 pm

Pam Garver , sec.