GREENE ACRES COMMUNITY GARDEN JULY 27, 2024 GENERAL MEETING

ATTENDANCE:

President: Erin Nowjack Vice President: Twila Goshorn Treasurer: Noreen Butano Secretary: Tracy Mickey Board Member: JoAnn Bartsch

Total attendance today was 17, that number includes Board members.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Erin Nowjack called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.

Eric Nowjack made a motion to approve the minutes of the general meeting for April 27, 2024, Twila Goshorn seconded it. All present agreed.

Noreen Butano provided the treasurers report. There were a total of \$403.00 in donations with \$333.00 coming from the Broadview Hts. Community Foundation. Disbursements were \$2,887.55 for picnic tables, soil, plants, umbrella, tick spray and weed killer. Green Acres total account at present is \$13,331.38. The gardens CD will be renewed at Fifth Third bank.

WORK GROUPS:

Education Plot: Simone Benoit stated the education plot was slow to grow during the extreme heat preventing germination.

Cornstalks were planted to provide a living trellis.

July is the month to pick garlic

Garden Harvest: John Goshorn stated 155 pounds of donations have been received.

Communications/Security: Erin Nowjack stated an unauthorized bird house was put in the garden for blue birds and it is being inhabited by House Sparrows that will kill the blue birds. This will have to be removed.

Some have reported that their produce has been being picked, please stop, this could mean expulsion from the garden.

The weeds surrounding the garden are being dealt with a 30% Vinegar solution so to maintain an organic garden.

Ticks remain a problem but is much improved. The exterior of the garden has been mowed by the city. Eric Nowjack has sprayed an organic solution to repel the ticks June 11, July 11 and August 11. The areas sprayed are the perimeter and the main walkways. Ticks are here to stay, so stay vigilant.

JoAnn Bartsch has recommended to plant lavender in your gardens to help repel them. It was also discussed to plant some lavender plants in the common areas.

3 bubble sprinklers were added to your garden courtesy of Joyce Deremer. Feel free to use while weeding. Do not leave the garden when in use.

Maintenance/ Construction: The new picnic table is lagging in the center. The picnic table is not defective, the ground underneath needs to be leveled.

GARDEN SOCIAL;

Deb Nixon reported on the garden social which will take place in the garden September 15, 2024 from 3 to 5 pm with a rain date of September 21, 2024. There will be appetizers, desserts and pot luck. Also bring your own beverage. There will be door prizes, games, music and great socializing. Bring a dish and a chair.

OPEN AGENDA:

The Chippewa Garden Club is presenting "Glimmer and Shimmer" celebrating their 75th Anniversary. There will be many displays including many educational displays. It will be August 10th from 1:00 pm till 5:00 pm and August 11 12:00 noon til 3:00.

The season is coming to an end and new officers are needed. Please consider taking a position and planning with incredible people. Erin Nowjack will be resigning her position as President (which she has held for 3 years) as well as Tracy Mickey who is Secretary (2 years). It would be terrible to consider relinquishing our 501 (c) (3).

The meeting was Adjourned at 10:36 am by Erin Nowjack

Respectfully Submitted, Tracy Mickey Secretary