TOWN OF PENFIELD
3100 Atlantic Avenue, Penfield, NY 14526-9798

COMMUNITY VICTORY GARDEN COMMITTEE
Thursday, September 21st, 2017 7:00 PM
Penfield Community Center, 1985 Baird Road
Nancy Marrer, Chairwoman, presiding

I. Call to Order - attending: Chris Mandel, Greg Smith, Gordy & Gloria Barnes, Nancy Marrer, Dave & Carol Boyer, Lisa Ford, Lillian Marrer, Dot Brenneis, Larry Krech

II. Approval of Minutes

III. Communications - General Garden News and Updates
   i. Hose at Kiosk - large hose missing
   iii. Naz. Day of Service - Dot - entire trail was mulched; Mark helped by driving lawn tractor with wagon to help move mulch; student volunteers were very interested in learning about the garden
   iv. Donations season reflection - started in mid-July, probably running through Sept. Food Shelf has been very appreciative of our donations; they served 96 families a week this summer
   v. Discussion with Webster resident about starting a community garden - Carol gave her info.; she has been invited to a committee meeting

IV. Public Participation - none

V. Action Items - none

VI. Informational Items
   a. Financial
      i. Bed Registrations and abandon beds update - 6 letters went out for neglected beds this year. Beds 14 A & B are a big mess, clean-up on workday
      ii. 2017 Budget - Sabrina not in attendance; time to put together 2018 budget
   b. Projects
      i. 2017 Girl Scout Gold Project Update Budget estimate for the rest of cinder blocks - cost for remaining blocks needed $332.50; Dot will encourage Sydney to phone Dolomite for blocks; Craig's list also being checked for free ones; rebar reinforcing rods will need to be priced as well
      ii. 2017 Eagle Project Update - wood has been purchased; start date for project should be after 10/21 workday
      iii. Shelter construction planning - Sabrina should check to see whether we need any approvals; if not a Scout project, then garden members should build it
      iv. Cover crop buy in report - after checking with Crosman's Seeds and Grossmans, Dot reported that cover crop suggestions for winter rye not appropriate for our garden beds (needs heavy tilling in, may harbor voles, has to be tilled in before setting seed); encourage gardeners to use water permeable landscape fabric if they want to cover beds for winter; Dave & Carol have had good luck with it
      v. Critter Update (Woodchuck under shed) - under the shed outside fence; more mousetraps have been purchased for vole trapping
c. Operations
   i. Fencing needs for repair. - 7 years old!! On the south side towards the back, above chickenwire is a major tear; fix on workday
   ii. Final Work Day, and estimated date for water hook up removal - 10/21, 9 am til?; fill green totes with water in preparation for water turnoff; Sabrina arrange for water turn-off after 10/23

d. Communication
   i. Pre-Registration campaign - reminder postcards for pre-registering to go out with Oct. potluck mailing (deadline 10/10); we'll try anything to get gardeners to remember to pre-register!
   ii. Fall Dinner Planning - 10/19 - Phyllis will do mailer and inventory of supplies; give Sabrina shopping list; Food competition: Best Main dish, side dish and dessert; need prizes/donations anyone have unused gift cards? Will check with Broccolo's and Wegmans
   iii. The Sprout- no tomatoes in compost bins; town Halloween Party 10/20, Gordy will get mum and pumpkin for our giveaway; after 10/21 south-side garden beds will get raised beds installed; reminder to clean out beds; Fall Potluck on 10/19, pre-register for beds then; Workday 10/21; missing kiosk hose; Nazareth volunteers; food shelf donations; Girl Scout compost project; Eagle Scout raised bed project; what to cover beds with over winter; trapping voles

VII. Held Items

1. Filling Raised Beds - probably need to wait until Fall - Sabrina to find out soil cost, then we can get purchase order for next year if money is left over

VIII. Old Business

IX. New Business

X. Next Meeting @ Garden Dinner October, 19th 2017

XI. Adjournment