

**AGENDA
GARDEN BY THE RIVER VOLUNTEERS
THURSDAY, 25 JUNE
6 P.M.
VIA ZOOM**

Attending: A. Gniadek, J. Bolte, J. Rondeau, A. Miller, R. Waldron, M. Kettle, T. Penn-Gesek

1. CALL TO ORDER 6:00 p.m.

2. Develop a plan for harvesting/succession planting

- J. Bolte was given the seeds donated by Select Seeds for her Girl Scout troop to start as a project, but they have been further delayed for in-person meetings because of COVID-19 protocols. Jess is starting them herself & will incorporate them in as they are ready to plant out.
- A. Miller has connected one of TEEG's clients/volunteers to do some harvesting of the produce as it is ready. Lettuces have been distributed by her to residents of the River Mill apartments. Those were harvested as "cut-and-come-again" crops, and the lettuces are already re-sprouting
- T. Penn reiterates that TEEG has been a founding partner of the garden, so during this year where the produce will be donated, TEEG and its clients should be the primary recipients, either through distribution from their food pantry or through direct involvement by their clients.

3. Feedback on current state of the garden including scheduling and watering

- A. Gniadek has been sending out a weekly watering schedule, which is working well so far
- M. Kettle mentions that the raspberry bushes she planted could use some mulching
- A. Miller offers some excess pea gravel from TEEG's garden site. T. Penn and her husband will try to haul it down and spread it over some landscape cloth over Independence Day weekend

4. Other Business

- An in-ground mount ADA accessible picnic table has been ordered for the site, and is scheduled to deliver sometime after 17 July. DPW will install all of the park site equipment (climber, bike rack, table & sign) at the same time, on a date TBD
- J. Bolte asks if volunteers can do any of the installation. T. Penn suggests it may be possible to have volunteers install the picnic table, bike rack and sign, but the climber should definitely be done by the town for liability reasons. Even if volunteers are reasonably able to do the picnic table, it probably would require a post-auger for the ground mount.
- T. Penn confirms that, after all expenditures to date there should be about \$145-\$150 left of the TLGV grant funds to spend. Those have been encumbered into FY21 to purchase the sign posts and sign clips, once Graphics Unlimited confirms that the clips have been received.
- A. Miller wants to start thinking about a harvest dinner at the garden site in the fall

5. ADJOURN 6:30