Taproot Community Farm

JULY 07/06/24

06 JULY 2024 / 10 AM / Stambaugh Ave (AT THE FARM)

ATTENDEES

Board:Jeri Wendt, Jason Wendt, Martha Rypstra, Aaron Schulist, Jennifer Schulist

Headcount of public: 0

AGENDA

Last Meeting Follow-up

1. **Next Board meeting will be: August 3rd, 10 am on the Farm**
2. **Upcoming workshops/volunteer opportunities**
   a. Workshops:
      i. Foraging day: talk to Brody- try and obtain locally sourced spores
   b. Volunteer Days:
      i. Every Thursday till September 5th (JERI) from 9:30am until 7:30pm
      ii. Every Saturday: Martha Time: 6am -10am
      iii. Every Monday: Jeri & Jen Time: 12-2pm ?
3. **Pocket park garden days:**
   a. Need to mulch perennial beds and replace apple
4. **permaculture/yard garden design planning and assistance- fundraiser. More details to come:**
      i. Next project: Need to finish Anthony's yard
      ii.

5. **Trail situation??**

    i. We have had ATVs driving over the asparagus fields, and people breaking branches on the fruit trees. Arrangements will need to be made asap to complete blocking of the trails.

    -Get Skidster- pay for delivery have over weekend

6. **Tractor:**

    a. Our bucket and arm fell through. So no bucket yet. We also have not been able to get the tractor running as of yet. Jason will be reaching out to some folks who work on old tractors for assistance.

7. **Four Wheeler:**

    a. The Wendts have recently donated a diesel four wheeler to help with farm chores. Jason will hold a short training with each of us on how to operate the new equipment.

8. **Driveway:**

    a. We have received some of our gravel, unfortunately where we originally planned the driveway will require far more work than planned. The remainder of the driveway to the compost site needs to be re-evaluated. (follow existing buried road)

9. **School Gardening Club:**

    a. Greenhouse has been completed! (Need a plan going forward)

    b. Considering adding a garden club to forest park(we have a few teachers interested) focus will be on stambaugh at this time, we are going to focus on getting this project up and running then expanding.

10. **Rooted fundraiser:**

    a. Lets advertise this on facebook/instagram… 1x a week? Ships soon

        i. How's this going? Did you add the new bags to the website?

-we have bills coming up, property taxes for example that are large. Will be looking into getting an exemption. But until then we should figure on having to pay. (nearly $1000)

11. **driveway sign?**

    a. Jason/Aaron/Jennifer- Can we get this going?

    b. Need to talk to Luke about printing it large enough to use as a template. ASAP

    c. We have some temporary signs for placement around the property.

        i. Jeri can paint Temporary

12. **Temporary office:**

    a. We have access to the Wendts 5th wheel for a temporary office.

        i. Is everyone ok with this coming out? Vote: NO

            1. Where should it go?

            2. When should we have it here by:

13. New Business

- **Our current bank balance is: $4,186.37**
    - **Wave non-profit accounting: $16.00 per month**
    - **Shipping costs this month were $5.52**
    - **Office supplies: $0**
    - **Farm supplies: $8.93 (gas for weed wacker) $70.79 (tools/supplies**
    - **Gravel: $2,149.20**
    - **Tractor Supplies: $488.64 (we do have a part to return for $37.09) for a grand total of $451.55**
    - **Bein-Crafty $325.79 (not yet cashed)**
    - **Deposits: $407.71**
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- **Community Events:**

    - Foraging (Mushrooms/Medicinal and edible herbs)**-/July/August/September-**
    - Prep work for the farm -***Filling holes*** *- needs to be completed, for safety- can be done when time allows. Need a wheelbarrow for the farm.-need for donations! Could be completed on volunteer days.*
- ***Need to make sure we have wheelchair accessibility and look into having a golf cart on premises for those who need assistance with mobility. Ask local golf courses for an older model on donation- has anyone had a chance to look into this?- Wait***
- **Google Chat** will be utilized for communication between all involved in Taproot- work in progress. Comments:
    - Google chat is great to keep things organized within our many departments.
    - **There is a chat set up for community volunteers and anyone wishing to be kept in the know via google chats. If you are interested in joining the community chat via google chat please send us a message on fb messenger, or via text at 517-295-9813.**
        - **USING MESSENGER FOR A VOLUNTEER CHAT**

NOTES:

ACTION ITEMS - things to be accomplished:

-Design for the sign to be printed- need 4 signs- no trespassing signs/NO ATVs

******Taproot Community Farm inc is actively seeking volunteers with backgrounds in law/accounting/engineering/bookkeeping- we could really use some additional expertise***

-Motion to adjourn the meeting made by: ***JERI*** ***Seconded by:*** ***JASON***