

Town of Columbia
Szegda Farm Management Committee
Thursday, March 7, 2019, 6 PM
Adella G Urban Administrative Offices Conference Room – Town Hall
(Minutes Submitted by: Tom McGrath Chair)

Present: Tom McGrath, Gary King, Marc Volza, Leslie Brand, Debby Smith

The meeting opened at 6 PM.

The minutes of 11/01/18 were approved.

Audience of Citizens: David Bull, Greg Brand

Old Business

- Correspondence, Proposed Actions (nothing to report)
- Steward report
 - Trails conditions **(trails in good shape prior to most recent snow storm)**
 - Parking lot conditions **(upper parking lot still getting visitors leaving beer cans and trash)**
 - Power Company activity on trails/roads etc. **(Marc Volza to check with DPW on what we can expect this year for activity and if we can get power company to repair damaged trails and roads under our guidance)**
- Budget Review 2018-2019
 - Fencing**(on track for 2019)**, portable toilet**(service scheduled for May-October)**, equipment(mowers,weedwacker)**(DPW to service prior to spring use Marc Volza to check with DPW)**, hay fields**(Tom to work with local farmers to continue improvements to back field)**, celebration**(see below)**, road weed control **(purchase hand sprayer community garden member ?-Richard LaPalme to do spraying of vinegar/soap solution soon)**, top soil from rec park**(Tom and Marc Volza to meet with DPW at property to discuss needs and excavation near lower parking lot and garden)**
- Community Garden 2018/2019
 - Fencing (**2019 – contractor should be installing fence prior to Spring garden start, need to work closely with so gardens are not damaged, fence installed underground, tilling is done to new areas, stone dust paths completed, after DPW brings topsoil from Rec Park project)**
 - Water Pump / Water Tank / Solar Pump **(Start up for 5/1/2019/ Shut Down in 10/1/2019 Marc Volza to confirm with DPW)**
 - Deb Smith as SFMC garden liaison, and Leslie Brand plot coordinator/garden mentor **(Potentially offer to 1 or 2 events – coordinate with publishing dates of Columbia Views, currently 11 plots reserved for this season)**
 - Celebration Solstice Friday June 21st 2019
 - Harvest Szegda Farm Diner Wednesday August 21st
- Szegda Road stonewall cleanup and spraying for 2019**(purchase hand sprayer community garden member ?-Richard LaPalme to do spraying of vinegar/soap solution soon)**,
- Agricultural usage of Ag units 5 &6 **(Tom to work with local farmers to continue improvements to back field)**
- Other
 - dog park,**(remove from to do list its better suited to rec. park)**

New Business

Adjournment: **6:45pm**

Next Regular Meeting: May 2