Schuylkill River Park Community Garden (SRPCG) Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

Location: Markward Rec Center **Monday, October 5, 2026 7:00- 7:40pm**

Minutes Submitted by *Peter Kessler*
In Attendance: Cerie Goldenberg, Linda Zaimis, John Wagner, Theo Aronson, Rick Nawalinski, Scott Farrington, Erin Aakhus, Tina Glisovic-Aplenc, Peter Kessler,
Absent: Matt Thomas, Steve Slaterbeck, Sarah Hicks, James Harrison,

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action/Responsible Party/ Timeline
Call to order and Approval of Minutes	Called to order by Rick Nawalinski September Minutes approved.	**Steve:** Post September minutes on SRPCG website **Peter:** Post September minutes on the garden bulletin board.
Treasurer's Report	**Matt Thomas** ● No update.	Matt
New and Old Business	● A reminder that if you are a renewing/returning gardener, you have until Dec. 15 to clear your plot. However, if you are at the end of your term, then your garden must be cleared by October 31st.	
COMMITTEE REPORTS		
PLOT ASSIGNMENTS	**Tina Glisovic-Aplenc: LISTMANAGER@SRPCG.ORG** ● There are currently 63 people on the waiting list.	Tina
PLOT USE	**James Harrison:** ● No update.	James
CITY HARVEST	**Linda Zaimis:** linda.zaimis@gmail.com ● 603 pounds to date.	Linda
FACILITIES	**Sarah Hicks/Scott Farrington:** ● Purchase of a staple gun, which is now missing. ● Plants are coming on the 15th and will be put in the ground shortly thereafter; this may be an opportunity for gardeners who need make-up tasks. ● Posts have gone up successfully. ● Tina mentioned that a cart needs to be fixed; Tina will follow up with Sarah and/or John Wagner for the necessary bolts.	Sarah

WEEKLY CHORES	**Erin Aakhus**: ● This is well in hand. ● A suggestion to add watering of the pollinator garden once per chore week, starting with next year's chores. Scott will write this up for the committee to consider. A discussion about covering this at the March meeting for gardeners who have already been oriented. ● Erin Aakhus reviewed gardener suggestions including whether to give more clarity regarding a protocol for handling waste and garden waste – waste categories include compost, non-compostable garden waste, recyclables, and trash. The committee prefers use of paper bags; however, for particularly heavy trash and metal, plastic bags remain more effective.	Erin
WORKDAY TASKS	**Rick Nawalinksi** ● There has been significant progress in gardeners making their commitments. There are less than a dozen gardeners who still need to make a task to remain on track prior to the November workday.	Rick
PARKSIDE PLANTINGS/SRPCG	**Scott Farrington:** scottfarrington@yahoo.com ● Update covered in facilities.	Scott
CHILDREN'S EVENTS/ COMMUNITY EVENTS	**Cerie Goldenberg** ● Cerie will correspond with the interested artist to obtain a proposal for the committee's consideration regarding a kids' event.	Cerie
COMMUNICATIONS	**Website:** Steve **Facebook**: Steve **Bulletin Board:** Peter **Emails**: Cerie	

NEXT STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2026 @ 7PM AT THE MARKWARD REC CENTER