

**Sustainability Task Force
Minutes
August 13th, 2019
Big Lake Council Chambers**

1. Introductions

- a. Task Force members present: Maureen Mossak, and Corrie Scott
- b. Task Force members absent: Becky Guthrie, Heather Kuikka, Linda Fuhrman, Chrysii Skrypec, Kristi DeCamillis, Klara Porath, and Lisa Odens

2. Summer Clean Up

- a. June 19th, July 17th, August 14th, September 11th
- b. The August Summer Clean Up didn't have any participants. There is one more event in September. The Task Force will do a recap at the October meeting and will talk about potential Fall Clean Up events in the coming months.

3. Community Garden Update

- a. The unkempt plot at the Community Garden is no longer being used by the individual that rented it. Other gardeners are welcome to use the space, otherwise we will till it over in the Spring of 2020 and allow other people to rent it.
- b. Mike Goebel is planning to expand the Community Gardens in 2020 by at least four plots.
- c. In the Spring of 2020 we could like to place a sign at the Community Gardens. Rather than ordering an aluminum sign, Mike Goebel offered to supply products to someone who volunteers to paint the sign. Some options would be to ask Task Force members and their families if they are interested in helping, or asking the school if they'd like to offer the project to students in art classes/clubs.

4. Gardening 101

- a. June 4th, July 9th, August 6th, September 17th
- b. There are still three weeks that need a family/individual to commit to maintaining the gardens. Corrie will send out another request via email this week.

- c. Corrie will work with the Master Gardeners and Task Force to set up a planning meeting for the 2020 Gardening class program. The due date to enter the Big Lake Summer Community Ed Catalog is in March 2020.
 - d. Maureen and Corrie recommend that we host the classes rain or shine. In the case of severe weather, the backup date needs to be on a date that the Master Gardeners are available. This could potentially be the following Tuesday.
5. Bike Rodeo Recap: The Bike Rodeo took place in June 2019 and was a success. With more volunteers on hand, we were able to spend more time teaching safety to the participants. Save the date for the next Bike Rodeo on June 10th, 2020.
6. Social Media Discussion: Maureen suggested that Corrie push the Nitrate Water Testing event at the Market on the social media site. Corrie will continue to push the Summer Clean Up events. If members find any content that is shareable, please email it to cscott@biglakemn.org or share it to the page from their personal profiles.
7. MN GreenCorps Member: The MN GreenCorps Member will start in September 2019 and be working full time with the City until August 2020. They will likely be taking over the Task Force minutes and will help lead projects during their time in Big Lake. At the next meeting there will be some time to talk about potential projects that the MN Green Corps Member can take on. (i.e. clean up events, social media, newsletters, residential greening)
8. Recruiting Ideas
 - a. ECFE in the Park: August 21st, no members are signed up
 - b. Farmers Market: September 11th, clean up event
 - c. Theatre in the Park: August event was cancelled, the series will start again in summer 2020
 - d. Family Fun Fest: October 4th, sign up for this event at the September meeting
9. Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 10th at 6:00pm in the City Council Chambers