

Prospect Heights Farm

September 20, 2008, 11:15 am

Minutes compiled by Traci Nottingham and Jean Kahler

In Attendance:

Kayla Schwartz (presiding)  
Redelia Nottingham  
Traci Nottingham (took notes)  
Jean Kahler (took notes)  
Ben Shupp  
James Goldstein  
Frances Norwood  
Diana Gilchrist  
Joey DeLeo  
Silke T  
Meredith Kadet  
Torberg Davern  
Laurie Kilpatrick  
Virginia Webster  
Maria Stasavage  
Carl Lawrence  
Andy Starr  
Naomi Starr

**Topics:**

**General Notes**

**Irrigation System**

**Pumpkin Smash**

**Winter Meeting Plans**

## General Notes:

A big thank you to everyone who's helped spread the ginormous pile of woodchips out on the garden paths. The garden looks great. Woo-hoo teamwork!

Carl has no BQLT report as he has not been receiving their email meeting notices. He will contact them again.

Birds in the garden! Along with our faithful Mockingbirds and Catbirds, hummingbirds have been spotted tanking up for the long trip south. Keep an eye out for fall warblers, who have also been known to drop by this time of year.

Laurie has been maintaining the garden bird houses and would like to add another on the post supporting the irrigation system hookup. Members agree by consensus.

Diana can get seeds for milkweed, which butterflies like for fuel prior to their migration. Contact her if you'd like some.

Please sign up for October open hours.

## Irrigation System:

Now that it's in, we need to learn to use it! Since our earlier workshop was rained out, we need to arrange another. Also discussed: a solar pump, so we can use our gathered rain water for the irrigation system (rather than hydrant)? Could running the irrigation system be added next year to open hours duty?

Concerns over the existence/appearance of irrigation system: Tubes are now buried under wood chips, but are unattractive and potentially a trip hazard when exposed. The hose will be buried next year. Is the plastic used in the system actually safe? Diana will call Green Thumb to find out more info, safety data sheet, etc.

Dan had said plan drawings of the system would be available for review prior to installation, but they were never seen. Wasn't the system also supposed to serve the beds in the front of the garden?

Pumpkin Smash:

Saturday, November 1, 1-4. Rainedate 11/2. Sign-up sheet passed at meeting. Contact Kayla about what you can contribute.

Winter Meeting Plans:

Potential changes to By-Laws and Policies will be discussed at the winter meeting at the BBG. We will also discuss the unauthorized pruning of the southwest corner of the garden and the existence of the second garden entrance in the same corner at that meeting.

**Next Meeting:**

**Saturday, 10/18, 2pm in the garden**

**Rainedate 10/19**