

Palmer Arboretum Committee

Minutes of the September 12, 2023 Special Meeting

Welcome and Recognition of Guests: No guests present. Members present: Charlotte Davis, John Davis, Sara Dziedzic, Denise Esslinger, Philippa Paquette

Review of Previous Month's Meeting Minutes: Approved

Treasurer's Report: Charlotte sent out her Treasurer's report prior to our meeting electronically. Report is as follows:

Treasurer's Report Fiscal Year Beginning 7/1/2023
Data as of September 6, 2023

	Budget Account	Friends Account
Opening Balance	3,000.00	9,068.48
Payroll	450.00	
Better View Landscaping	288.75	
Bartlett Tree	284.00	
Donation		150.00
Balance at 9/6/2023	1,977.25	9,218.48

Charlotte expressed concern regarding anticipated bills to come and amount remaining in budget especially so early in the fiscal year. Discussion ensued about needing more funds to support the needs of the Arboretum as well as possibly using some of the funds in the Friends Account. Committee agreed to pay the Bartlett bill out of the Friends Account.

Current Work Projects: Pomfret School has a group coming this Saturday, September 16th from 9 to 10:30 am for their day of service. Sara offered to be there to work with the group. Job to do is weeding. Trees by shed area need to be weeded. Also area by where oak tree fell and around weeping tree.

Philippa will be gone for a few weeks and invited members to come and weed as usual on Thursday mornings.

Future Work Projects: Philippa brought up developing a plan for the next 2 to 3 years. One priority is to ask the town to put in edging along the driveway due to the water drainage issue. Paul mentioned using a straw roll as a temporary fix. He is keeping his eye out for one and will bring to the Arboretum if he finds one. Also

ask Julian about trees that need to be taken down and then consider what would be planted in place of any removed trees.

October 26th is Woodstock Academy's work day at the Arboretum. Sara will also see if seniors might be able to come do some work on October 25th.

John mentioned the split rail fence could use some attention.

Mary Lou (neighbor) shared concern of privet bush growing on fence. She is also concerned about the tree growing on the bank which is very tall and could hit her home if it should fall.

Upcoming Events and Tours: Art in the Arboretum on October 21st-Barbara and Philippa will be going on WINY radio on October 6th at 7:30 a.m. to promote. This will be the last opportunity for an art workshop in this area with Barbara since she is moving. Need at least 6 or 7 people to sign up to cover expenses. Discussed ways to get the word out. Info has appeared in email sent to the Art Guild Northeast. Denise will send PR to local publications next week including a paid ad in the Shopper's Guide. Sara will ask Rachel to do a flyer. Philippa will also be leading a TLGV Arboretum tour on this day.

Wedding coming up on October 7th. Philippa asked Sara if she could take some photos to post on social media.

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at approximately 3:35 p.m.

<https://youtu.be/1Iyum-D0QyA>

Respectively submitted,
Denise Esslinger