

**Greene County Master Gardener
Business Meeting Minutes
June 12, 2018
OSU Extension Office, 100 Fairground Road, Xenia, OH**

President Garry Abfalter called the meeting to order at 1835.

The May Business Meeting Minutes were not approved.

Treasurer's Report for June 2018:

Checking account balance as of May 1, 2018:	\$15,113
Projected Revenue:	\$5,032
Less Obligated:	(\$10,565)
Projected Balance 12/31/2018:	\$9,580
Savings:	\$2,074
CDs:	\$5,000
Total	\$16,654

The Treasurer's report has been filed.

Presentations:

- a. The Owen's Place shade garden group presented an update on the shade garden and surrounding area. The goal of Owen's Place is to encourage interaction between disabled persons with the natural environment. Children may use natural items in the park to create items for the tree house. Ankeney Middle School students constructed two sensory beds planted with "safe" plants. Various areas are planted with native plants to attract butterflies. The park is wheel chair accessible and uses specialized playground equipment.
- b. Gussie Jones presented the conception of Owen's Place; a recreation area designed for physically challenged people. The Park is a collaborative effort between Beavercreek Township Park District, Community members, and Greene County Parks and Trails. The park is a work in progress consisting of many "phases". The goal is to encourage interaction between all people with disabilities and the natural world. Future construction plans include: bathroom and three slides (six foot wide, S-curve, pole). Greene County Parks & Trails plan to donate money. Personal donations can be mailed to: Greene Giving, 941 W. Second Street, Xenia, OH 45385 or go online at: www.greenegiving.org/givenow

Old Business:

- a. Lola Stotard is one of our new MG interns
- b. Plant Sale results: We earned \$1080 and had approximately 75 customers
- c. James Ranch Demon Garden: Dan Denham, George McGowan, and Kim Hupman have planted the vegetable garden at the west end of James Ranch.

New Business:

- a. July, 10-business meeting will be held at Wartinger Park in Beaver Creek. This will be a carry in dinner
- b. August business meeting is tentatively set for James Ranch
- c. Volunteer Opportunities:
 - 1. Start saving seedpods and other natural items for the 2019 "No Child Left Inside Fairy Garden Extravaganza". This year, the event hosted over 100 participants. Please direct questions to Jill Gordon.
 - 2. "Weeds of a Different View Seminar" held on June 30: Volunteers needed to help with set up and clean up, as well as supplying pre-packaged snacks. Please contact Vickie Carter.
 - 3. Greene County Fair Booth: Volunteers needed to set up, clean up, and man our booth. Please contact Joyce Wailles.
 - 4. Trevor has sent email asking for volunteers to help with the Native Plant Conference Booth.
- d. The state MG conference is September 28 and 29. There is a registration deadline.

Coordinators Report:

Trevor:

Future community garden opportunities are in the future.

Kim:

There are still some gardening spots open at James Ranch; a map of available sites will be available in August. The monthly workday is TBA. Plant donations were received from 10th Life plant sale.

Grow Ohio Challenge: Kim will provide a list of places that will accept donations.

Thank you to the Owen's Place shade garden group for providing chicken and water for the carry in dinner.

Adjourn and Continuing Education:

The meeting was adjourned at 2000.