

# GROUNDS COMMITTEE REPORT

March 21, 2012

Submitted by Roy Benner, Chairman, 03/18/2012 to Barbara Morgan

## Accomplished tasks:

1. Built and installed a new door on the Servant's Quarters. This door is hinged on the inside to prevent unauthorized access and locked with a combination lock for temporary use by the Sharing Garden gardeners.
2. Covered large holes in the floor with pieces of plywood.
3. Becky cleaned the inside of the building of trash and vines and swept the walls and floor.
4. Donated 22 large plastic European bulb bins for gardeners' to keep their supplies inside the temporary garden shed.
5. Relocated site Marker #8 to allow well water pipe installation and accommodate grass cutting.
6. Installed and welded combination lock on Radoff Road gate.
7. Installed two signs for Goshen Farm Sharing Garden Shower on Cape St. Claire Road.
8. Don Paxton (neighbor) informed me the Goshen Farm had a 60' right-of-way from Cape St. Claire Road.
9. Water line trenched (buried) in garden with four frost-free hydrants installed and concreted in the ground. Awaiting connection to the house water.
10. Additional load of wood chips to be delivered 3/19/12 for garden pathways. Geotextile fabric is installed under wood chips. Purchased and donated by The Frame Wright.
11. Cut weeds and poison ivy at asparagus patch and staked off for protection as the asparagus sprouts.
12. Cleaned out area around hand-dug well and bolted plywood cover over exposed entrance. The well is bricked lined covered with a concrete cover slab and is 65' deep. – "very neat").
13. Accepted Donation of a 'well pulley' to the GFPS from Janet Spain.
14. Well Redevelopment completed by Andy Brown. The well under compressed air yielded 3.5 gpm. May go up to 4 gpm with proper submersible pump and proper valving controls.
15. Received estimate for well pump, pressure tank, wiring, piping, switches, and labor to make the well functional.
  - a. Estimate with new parts and labor: \$2,858.75 (no "Updates" - whatever that is).
  - b. Estimate with good quality used pump and pressure tank (all other parts new) and labor: \$2,083.75 (no "Updates" - whatever that is).
16. New estimate to get the well functional (3/17/12) received from Jay Morgan to do the work for \$361.00.

## Needs Accomplishing:

1. The Gravely Mower has not run since late October and it still needs repairing (electrical problem). Left front tire has a leak; Jay has the tire and has promised to do the repairs.
2. Get the well pump working safely for the Sharing Garden.
3. Electric GFCI outlets in the Sharing Garden but waiting for well trenching to be completed to the basement of the Farm House for exterior electrical use.
4. Large tree near the servant's building, Site #8, should be removed at some point (If it falls, the roots will destroy the Servant's Quarters). Removal also of another large vine-covered tree located to the southwest end of the Garden. Both should be removed for safety reasons.
5. Lots of small Tree of Heaven stumps to be removed in the front and north side areas of the Farm House yard (this is a work in progress).
6. Rest of geotextile fabric to be installed under walkways in Sharing Garden. Spread 15 yards of wood chips on Garden walkways.

7. Cut the growing grass.
8. There is a lot of trash that the February 18<sup>th</sup> cleanup and on-going trash collection placed near the Storage Unit that needs removal before the March 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Needs Approval:**

- A. **Approve someone** to get the well working properly to service the Sharing Garden.

**Old Business (left in from last month's report; since it was apparently not clear what Mr. Brown did under the "Redevelopment" aspect of the well:**

**A. Well: (Based on discussions with Andy Brown of Brown's Well Pump & Trenching Service {Licensed, Bonded and Insured})**

1. First, the well needs to be re-developed and testing to determine if it is still viable.
  - a. **\*\*It includes:** repairing the damage done when the well pump, pit less adaptor, and the casing was damaged.
  - b. Pressure-testing the well to make sure it is sound and functioning (Important!).
  - c. Repairing the broken casing.
  - d. Proving the current depth.
  - e. Determining the static depth.
  - f. Determining the pumping rate and recharge.
  - g. (I hope this is a fair representation of the process described to me (Roy Benner) 2/11/12.
  - h. If the well fails, then he would reduce his charge to \$500 and not repair the well since it is not worth developing or repairable.
2. He would charge GFPS \$600 for this re-developing and testing process." **He reduced this to \$500.00 and was paid that amount."**
3. If the well did not prove viable, a rough estimate for drilling a new well would probably be around \$6,000. He is not a well driller, so this is only his best guess given to me.
4. If the well proves worthwhile (viable), then he would give us an estimate for installing a new pump (approximately \$700 – he would not recommend using the 24 year old (*less than reliable manufacturing brand*) pump, new wiring for the pump (approximately \$1.35 per foot), new piping within the well (approximately \$0.85 per foot), putting a new bug-proof cap on the well to replace the 1988 model, then: trenching, piping, wiring, providing an excellent reconditioned pressure tank, pressure switches, etc. to bring the water from the well to the Farm House basement. He said he would work with us to provide a good system while trying to save the Society money wherever he could (like providing a used pressure tank). He would create a new trench from the well basically along the existing pathway to behind the house and then swing east toward the basement, where he would install the new pressure tanks and pressure switches and other mechanisms to make a working water system. This system would require 120 volts at the basement hook up.

**New Business:**

1. (Suggestion) Add combination lock on Goshen Farm House chain link fence to replace the current keyed lock.
2. Insurance: Remove the Board from liability (save harmless) if sued?  
By: Altering the insurance policy to provide for:

- a. Visitors accessing the Goshen Farm : There must be a way to allow access to the grounds of non-members?
  - b. Allowing visitors some sort of access without having (for example) parents of Brownies to get GFPS Memberships before allowing them to view their child's garden on the grounds.
  - c. Current and future animal walkers should be addresses.
  - d. Visitors from the Cape St. Claire athletic fields may wonder upon Goshen farm property, yet, they must be members?
  - e. Requiring permission slips from parents of elementary students, Girl Scouts, Boy scouts, etc., or guardians seem quite complicated. I would hope we could or should check with our insurance providers to see what options are available to cover any or all of the above possible scenarios.
3. Posting site which may/could limit liability of Board or other GFPS members.
    - a. No Trespassing signs
    - b. Plastic covered signs – What should they say? – Who/What prohibited?

## **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT**

March 21, 2012

Submitted by Becky Benner

(March 17, 2012)

### **MEMBER TOTALS**

The totals to date (March 17, 2012) include:

- Members who either joined or renewed since February 12<sup>th</sup> and whose memberships thus expire December 31, 2012

### **Residents**

Resident Individuals = 8

Resident Household = 42

Includes

14 renewals

1 new individual member

5 new household members

Total = 50 resident members

## **Non-Residents**

Non-resident Individual = 5

Non-resident Household = 8

Includes

1 new individual member

2 new household members

Total = 13 non-resident members

## **Grand Total**

63 overall memberships

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT LETTERS**

All acknowledgement letters mailed from February 14 – March 16 included the flyer prepared by Nicole. The flyer advertises the March 31<sup>st</sup> Goshen Farm Sharing Garden Open House.

All acknowledgement letters mailed from March 10 – March 16 also included a copy of the “2nd Annual Java & Jazz” ad which appeared in the March 2012 edition of *The Caper*. The ad was enlarged and highlighted with pastel markers to emphasize the event.

## **BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT MARCH 2012**

- NEED TO PURCHASE AND INSTALL GUTTERS ON MAIN HOUSE
- NEED TO CONTINUE WINDOW PAINTING
- NEED TO SEEK OUT EXTERIOR PAINT DONATION
- NEED TO PAINT EXTERIOR OF MAIN HOUSE
- NEED BOARD MEMBERS TO SET GOALS, AND PRIORITIES FOR HOUSES
- NEED BOARD MEMBERS TO SPECIFY BATHROOM FACILITIES PLANS OR IDEAS