GFPS Construction Committee Report   June 7, 2011
Chairman: Jason Brown

Completed prior to the June 7th Board meeting
1. A. ABC released printed version of newsletter with article about GFPS.
2. Checked on newly planted grass seed. About 50% of areas have begun growing. Additional seeding will most likely be required.

Action Items:
A. Engineering stamp and permit. Paul
B. Remainder of trash and debris needs to be removed from site.
C. Investigate and determine what needs to be done with well and septic. AACPS stated we may have to connect to city sewer and public water and this could be extremely costly.
D. Need (2) loads of #2 stone for East field access and cottage drive to provide adequate base for vehicle passage.
E. Need additional stone for driveway including 57 stone and rip rap to control run off into woods at newly created swale.
F. Need to continue with cutting vines 3 ft from ground on trees to try and save them.

Goshen Farm Community Garden June meeting notes

- Everything is growing well, the weeds in the garden are fairly easy to maintain. Paper and straw have made a HUGE impact on keeping them at bay.

- Got rain barrels set up to catch rain from a valley off the roof of the main house. We have had no rain since. I have been watering every day with water from my house in jugs. I just put gallon storage bags with pinholes at the base of every plant to keep them hydrated and the soil moist.

- Carrying the jugs was taking too many trips back and forth to the car so I have left a wheelbarrow in the fenced area of the main house.

- Put tomato plants in "clay" garden and lower field to compare growth, animal and people activity in each area to that of the main garden.

- Garden is fenced in but unsightly. I have pallets that I can put up for a cleaner look. Animals and people have been seen but have not destroyed anything.

- Christy Hindman brought up pepper plants and Rob Corletta brought more fencing and posts.

- Need to decide what to do with produce as harvested.
    - Donate to food bank/shelter
    - Create a good neighbor reward program (People nominate people who have had a positive impact in the neighborhood and receive produce)
    - Create a veggies for veterans program (give people and families with veterans of war active or reserve)
    - Sell produce at a stand at end of road
    - Create pick your own garden on certain days and times

- Would like to have a meeting (location TBD) for those interested in the future of the garden. Would like to advertise the meeting it in the caper and on the google group. The meeting would decide who is interested, how they want to contribute and help plan for the future organization of the garden.

- Would like to prepare cleared area for growing next year and put nutrients back into soil. Right now I would like to layer the area with straw grass clippings and leaves (will need newspaper or paper, straw, grass clippings, manure and leaves or compost for layering) then in the fall plant a cover crop (will need $$ for seeds of cover crop). This will make the soil fertile for next spring planting and get rid of some weeds.

- I would like to have flyers and sign at the strawberry festival; I will work whatever spots are needed. At the strawberry festival I would like to put out flyers for the block party to support farm

- People at the block party are concerned about what people are giving money toward when giving to the farm/ garden. Is there a presentation, flyer or letter that conveys that for people? How is what we are doing important to them and how is it going to affect them, why should they give $$.

- I would also like to put flyers out at the garden for people to read/take.

- Would like to get the word out about blog to people.

WEBSITE:
I can get the files and edit them; it will take some time to transfer. I worry about editing someone else's work, it never works out well. Editing the original files could screw things up, especially if the creator isn't available to help work out the kinks.

There are also other templates from hostgator I could rework to look similar.

Blog is very flexible and can have images of the farm be used as background etc. Should be used in conjunction with the website.