

**MINUTES OF THE
PORT BYRON GREEN COMMITTEE
April 19th, 2017**

1. The Port Byron Green Committee met on Wednesday, April 19th, 2017 at the Port Byron Village Hall, 120 S. Main Street, Port Byron. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm.
2. Members present were Sarah Ford, Emily Skelton, Kari Rozeboom, and Jill Schutts. Also in attendance were Mary Snook and Bob Phillips of rural Port Byron.
3. A motion was made by Emily, and seconded by Kari, that the Green Committee approve the minutes from the 2/15/17 meeting; all approved and motion carried.
4. Old Business:
 - a. Freenotes Harmony Park Update- Sarah said incoming Mayor Bruce Peterson is generally supportive of the Music Park, though he proposed putting it by the gazebo near 103 N. Main Street. Since the initial proposed site of the prairie park is closer to the library, community garden, and playground, the Committee agreed to continue pursuing that location, as it's more aligned with the recreational/family space. A proposal will be prepared for the new board.
5. New Business:
 - a. Recycling- Kari said she is still looking into recycling options for businesses in the community, and determining a good place to host it. Could we do a business survey to determine if businesses would be open to recycling? More updates at the next meeting.
 - b. Community Garden- The Committee agreed that a deposit on renting a garden plot is a good idea for this season.
 - c. Farmers' Market- The committee discussed different ideas for a Port Byron Farmers' Market- possible locations include the parking lot of the north end of town, though it wouldn't be available in the evenings, but could work Saturday or Sunday morning; the old Academy property; the library parking lot or across from that site; Crossfit, as a potential site or extra parking. Various times were discussed, such as an evening during the week, or weekends? Should we set up tables for vendors, or have them bring their own? The Green Committee can have a booth, to hand out information and sell produce from our Community Garden plot. Will we need permit for the market, and will vendors need to have insurance? We will need to provide marketing, and put up signs. Jill expressed interest in coordinating the market, and would like to have food that is locally grown. Sarah said she would bring up the tentative market plans to the Board, and should have some direction at the next meeting.
A motion was made by Emily, and seconded by Sarah, to appoint Jill as the Market Coordinator; all in favor and motion approved.
 - d. Edible tree donations- Sarah said the Quad Cities Food Forest has offered some native trees for Port Byron, such as pawpaws and persimmons. Sarah will coordinate the donation and provide an update at the next meeting.
6. Gallery Comments: Mary and Bob said they would like to be part of the market, and were part of the market plan discussions.
7. With no further business to attend to, a motion was made by Sarah, and seconded by Kari, that the meeting be adjourned. All in favor, meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sarah Ford