

Meeting Minutes
HORTICULTURE ADVISORY BOARD
May 18, 2016

ATTENDANCE

Brenda Adams, Sean Doggett, Jenney Hanrahan, Kristy Herr, Ken Konsis, Steve Lane, Shelly Larson, Darrell Light, Steve Light, Rusty Maulding, Sandra Mason, Kent Miles, Gary Tyril

REPORTS

No Reports

OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business

NEW BUSINESS

This summer a new class called Farm to Table is being offered which combines horticulture and culinary. The students in the course will participate in planting, cultivating, and harvesting produce from the farm that is being leased on Daisy Lane.

Some suggestions to update the Landscape Design/Construction were discussed such as a plant ID class, so the students can tell the difference between flowers and weeds and introduction to identifying and using native prairie plants.

It was also proposed that the students take a pesticide exam upon graduation so they are certified operators before job hunting.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

A discussion on potential hires revealed that employers are looking at communication skills, appearance, experience, whether or not the hire is willing to do a variety of jobs, even if unrelated to landscaping and most importantly if they can follow directions.

DATE of NEXT MEETING

TBD

MINUTES SUBMITTED by:

Respectfully submitted,

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