

## CORE June 2025 Minutes

**Tuesday, June 3, 2025**

**6pm -8pm**

**UP Civic Building – 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Conference Room**

**3609 Market Place W – take elevator up to 2<sup>nd</sup> floor**

**Attendees:** Tony West, Debbie Klosowski, Rich Knowles, Rick Mercier, Barry Crust, Lysie Patschke, Bill Horn, Kris Docherty

**Approval of Minutes-** May minutes approved with no changes.

**Treasurer's Report** - \$14, 748.65 - outstanding bills not accounted for in the total

**Volunteer Hours** – Orchard and Administrative sheets passed around **Orchard hours for May 60.3**

**Staff Report-** Sprays, stormwater/ Fence updates/,brush pickup/mowing/drone use/playground update- City Birthday celebration the 23<sup>rd</sup> of August same day as Cider Squeeze. Irrigation is on 100%, they sprayed today. Stormwater project is completed, and equipment will be removed shortly. Fences are done as far as available material will go. Brush pickup is on their to do list. In 3 weeks, they will be spraying the weeds since bees are removed.

**Website - Lysie Patschke-** She will be adding concert dates to the website.

### **Adoption Updates**

Adoptions updates-Kris 133+ 6 tour trees

Kiosk updates/Tree Maps-Rich updated

Tree Tags- Barry/Rich- no request pending

Thinning- feedback on the May 31-participation- Rich, Rick, Debbie, Kris, Lysie, Sue It was confirmed that this is CORE responsibility for those that paid \$80 (pruning and thinning) We have **82** trees (includes 6 tour trees)that need thinning .Feedback was that apples mature at different rates depending on the variety ie Gravenstein and high density first, McIntosh, then Golden Delicious. It is faster and easier to thin when they are larger apples. It was decided to post a priority list for core and adopters to follow for pruning. It replaces pruning priority list. Hopefully, we can encourage adopters to help with a list with trees needing thinning. Thinning will develop larger apples which we can use for the upcoming cider squeeze. The McIntosh and Golden Delicious will not be ready till end of September.

**Mason Bees**-Rick- the bees are out of the orchard. THANK YOU for catching the problem with the construction of the coddling moth traps. The next spray should be the end of June.

**Insect trap update-Debbie** Section 1- 9 apple maggots 4 coddling moth; Section 2 -8 apple maggots 1 coddling moth  
Section 3- 8 maggots 2 coddling moth; section 4 -16 apples maggots 2 coddling moths. Debbie will be going back June 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Concerts**-Sue leaves for Minnesota on June 23<sup>rd</sup>

-Banners-done and posted

-Bands photos and background info ?

-publicity-

-Ice Cream-Chambers Bay Women's Club will use the freezer chest to sell ice from barn at concert

**Cider Squeeze survey results**-Lysie reported back on the results of the cider squeeze survey. There were 45 responses with the reporting 130 persons interested in attending the squeeze

**Tours**- Status of the search for Jill's replacement regarding who will fill the roles other than the tour? le contact with school HS and Community Transition Program for volunteers- This was not addressed. We were told that Jill herself was contacting people to fill the tour roles.

**Next meeting will be very important as we will be working on the upcoming cider squeeze and deciding on the fees for adoption.**

Should the adoption fees include pruning and thinning?

--Cider Squeeze **preparation** for Adopters scheduled for August 23<sup>rd</sup>. This is important discussion for the next meeting. We started brainstorming for the July 1st meeting such as number of presses 4, start time and end time 10:30 to 1:30, who will collect the mash for distribution to farmers, how many jugs are needed?, start time for set up 9 am or 8:30?, last years inspected apples produced 30 bags from High Density last year enough, do we need extra apples?, were we too picky?

**Next Meeting: Tuesday July 1<sup>st</sup> 6 pm-8pm**