

Palmer Arboretum Committee

Meeting Minutes

November 21, 2023

Meeting called to order at 3:05 p.m.

Members present: John Davis, Denise Esslinger and Philippa Paquette. No guests in attendance.

October 17, 2023 minutes approved.

John sent the following Treasurer's report prior to the meeting:

Fiscal Year Beginning 7/1/2023	Budget Account	Data as of November 21, 2023 Friends Account
Opening Balance	3,000.00	9,068.48
Payroll	1,083.00	
Better View Landscaping	462.00	
Bartlett Tree	1,228.88	
Expenses	45.00	
Donation		150.00
Balance at 11/21/2023	181.12	9,218.48

John mentioned he will request most recent Bartlett Tree bill come out of Friend's account since it was a bill for tree care.

Upcoming Meetings: Committee will not meet in December and January. Philippa will stop by regularly to check on trees during this time and invited other members to do so too.

Current Work Projects: Only area that didn't get raked up was the fruit from the Ginko tree. Town has not yet moved fallen tree trunk. Philippa will follow up to request it be moved when ground is frozen.

Last Green Valley: Philippa led two tours. One had six people the other had two hearty people on a rainy day. Philippa will schedule additional tours and Committee agreed to rejoin TLGV when membership is due.

Barbara Lussier has offered to return and do a workshop in the spring—probably May. Other ideas discussed for drawing people to the Arboretum: Cooperative event with Tree House. Ad in Federated Garden Clubs newsletter. Educational events (e.g. how to build a rain garden, pollinators, bees).

Philippa mentioned the possibility of doing fundraising next year. John also shared that the Palmer Arboretum will be featured in the next newsletter of the Federated Garden Clubs of CT.

Meeting adjourned at 3:27 p.m. Next meeting February 20, 2024.

<https://youtu.be/WTF-sufbvzA>

Respectively submitted,  
Denise Esslinger