

COMMUNITY GARDENS COMMITTEE REPORT 5-4-16:

The committee meeting of April 26th was devoted primarily to a discussion with representatives of the Gardens Network about what garden related entities could take responsibility for certain “ongoing issues” identified in the past year. The Sheboygan garden reported that 55 small plots have been designed for the triangle of land in Rennebohm Park, compost has been delivered, and registration is under way for this season. The cost of installing a water system has been estimated at \$10,500, which the Parks Division has declined to share with the gardeners; this means the cost of installing this garden will be about \$400/plot even when most of the labor has been donated. The committee is concerned that this response to the sudden loss of an existing garden not become a precedent for establishing community gardens on city-owned lands in general.