

**MICHIGAN CONSULTANTS COUNCIL**

**Michigan GardenClubs, Inc**



**SUMMER MEETING JULY 11, 2017  
HIDDEN LAKE GARDENS TIPTON, MI,  
TOUR WITH LUNCH/PRESENTATION**

Welcome and Introductions by Rita Crawley, MCC President

Thought for the day - *“Regardless of geographical region or culture, gardening is perhaps the most common and shared experience of Nature.”*

Introductions:

Carol Brodbeck - President of MGC

Lynn Dinvald - former MGC President - 2009-2011

Ruth Moline - District 1 Director

Sharma Zollinger - 4th Vice President, MGC (Gardening & Conservation)

Marilyn Hartley-Kik – Garden Study Chairman

MCC Board Members:

Virginia Golden, Vice President; Lynn Dinvald, Treasurer; Joan Black, Secretary

Following a greeting and short video about Hidden Lake Gardens by Paul Pfeifer, Managing Director we walked to the Harper Dwarf Conifer collection. Tours 2 and 3 took us to the Hosta Hillside garden and Conservatory/Bonsai building. Tours were lead by knowledgeable docents who answered many questions.

After the tours we enjoyed a tasty lunch and cooling off from the hot summer day.

President, Rita Crawley opened the business meeting at 11:25 am.

Treasurers Report:	\$1,000.00	Beginning balance 6/1/17
	\$540.00	Total Income
	\$(473.98)	Total Expenses
	\$1,066.02	Account balance 7/10/17
	MGC line item balance for MCC	\$3,255.28
	MCC: CD as of 12/31/16	\$3,345.90

Motion to accept Treasurers report by Virginia Golden, 2nd by Marilyn Hartley-Kik, Motion passed.

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Minutes from the MCC Annual meeting of June 7, 2017 were presented. Motion to accept by Ronnie Dush, 2nd by Marilyn Hartley-Kik, Motion passed

There was no Unfinished Business

**New Business**

2017 Garden Walk Award requests are due November 15, 2017. For information on awards go to MGC website: [www.michigangardenclubs.org](http://www.michigangardenclubs.org) Click on Education then on Michigan Consultants Council.

**Announcements:**

October 16-17, 2017 Holland - Environmental Study, Course III  
October 23-24, 2017 Kalamazoo - Landscape Design Study, Course III  
Spring 2018 (date TBD) District IIA - Garden Study, Course I  
June 7, 2018 Kalamazoo, Tri-refresher, the day after MGC State Convention

**Other Announcements:**

Please send any information on club events to your District Director  
Be sure to put garden walks and club events on the MGC website using the online form.  
Contest submissions for the Project Michigan Pollinator Garden Logo/Sign award are due by 10/1/17. Information was forwarded to District Directors for dissemination to clubs.

Meeting adjourned 12:54 pm

Following the meeting a program on the glacial formation of the Irish Hills and the history of Hidden Lake Gardens was presented by Paul Pfeifer.

The final tour took us to the Demonstration Garden, Project Bloom and the Nursery/Propagation area.

Submitted by Joan Black, Secretary