

## MINUTES

### Meeting of the Parmelee Farm Committee

Thursday October 2, 2014 – Town Hall

The following committee members were in attendance: Christine Cronin, Bruce Dodson, Terry Doyle, Tim Gannon, Peg Scofield, and Guy Vecchitto

Absent: Robert Broach, Linda Dudek, and Karen Milano

Guest: Ben Chasse

Tim Gannon called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m. and welcomed the guest, Ben Chasse.

Ben is in the process of seeking the approval for his Eagle Scout beehive project. He has budgeted \$800 and will be building one beehive to be placed at the farm. He will build a second one to be sold. He will begin the construction this fall and be ready to install the hive at the farm in March or April depending on the weather. By June of 2015 the hive should be fully active. There was discussion. Ben will report back to the committee next month.

Terry Doyle moved to accept the minutes from the meeting held September 4, 2014, seconded by Guy Vecchitto. Unanimously passed.

Terry Doyle moved to accept the minutes from the special meeting held September 19, 2014, seconded by Guy Vecchitto. Passed. Bruce Dodson abstained.

Terry Doyle moved to accept the minutes from the special meeting held September 23, 2014, seconded by Guy Vecchitto. Passed. Tim Gannon abstained.

Tim reported that the Rob Tischbein's Eagle Scout bat house project has been completed. The committee has received a check for \$250 from the sale of additional bat houses. The committee has not yet received a copy of the project book. There was discussion on the Eagle Scout projects.

Peg said that she had been contacted by the 4-H club. They are having a meeting at the farm on 10/25 and would like to have a project to do after their meeting. They had suggested that they might do some trail maintenance. Bruce will be in contact with them. There was discussion.

Terry then gave a progress report on the work at the pole barn. He is working on the cladding of the last four poles and installing the trim....this should take another week or so. The items left to be done are the soffits and the outer trim on the roof.

Tim stated that Larry Marotti said that the electric can be roughed in in the pole barn and specific lighting choices made later as money becomes available. There was lengthy discussion of the lighting for the pole barn. Larry has stated that he will have men available in the near future to do some of this work. Lighting for the parking lot will be discussed at a later date.

Tim said that we have not yet gotten approval from the school for the lighting on the path between the middle school and the farm.

Tim also reported that we have not received approval from the State for the new well.

Tim said that the Venuti's have not received approval from the State to do the exit cut from the parking lot onto Route 81. The work cannot be done until that approval is obtained.

Bruce Dodson showed the committee the plans prepared by Roger Nemergut for the handicapped ramp for the farmhouse. The plans have been given to Jim Lally for review. There was discussion.

Bruce reported that he has found a more economical version of the dog waste station. They cost \$199. There was discussion as to placement. He will purchase them in the next few days.

Peg reported that the last shared Harvest day was last Thursday. It has been a very successful program. There will be a group of people from the State touring the Community Garden on October 7. Peg also reviewed the list of events planned for next year. There was discussion.

Tim said that he has looked into getting a small dumpster for the farm. It will cost \$50 a month and be emptied once a month. There will be no dumpster January through March.

The donation of oak planking has been delivered to the schoolhouse. There was discussion.

Peg said that she was concerned about the walkway to the restroom. It was suggested that the committee purchase rubber matting to replace the loose boards that are presently leading to the restroom. This will be an interim solution until the final walkway is constructed. There was discussion. There was also discussion of orange cones to be used to define the parking area and for other uses around the farm.

Tim Gannon moved to approve an expenditure of up to \$300 to purchase rubber mats, stakes and orange cones, seconded by guy Vecchitto. Unanimously passed.

Tim then reviewed the budget for the year thus far and there was discussion. Tim suggested that we use some of the available capital budget to get the electric roughed in at the pole barn and for the finish carpentry work at the pole barn. There was discussion.

Tim Gannon moved that the committee approve the expenditure of up to \$4000 for electrical supplies for the pole barn and the trail lighting, seconded by Guy Vecchitto. Unanimously passed.

Peg stated that the two events scheduled at the farm for the remainder of the year are the Pumpkin Carving party on October 25 and the Christmas at the Farm on December 6. There was discussion.

Meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Cronin

Secretary