

MINUTES

Parmelee Farm Committee

Thursday January 8, 2015 – Town Hall 7 pm

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

Absent: Robert Broach and Karen Milano

Guests: Lindsey Nord, Ann Nord, Carl Nord, Annalise Walsh and Diane Walsh

Tim Gannon called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Girl Scout Annalise Walsh explained to the committee that for her Gold Project she would like to create a junior ranger project at the farm. She has previously participated in a Junior Ranger Project at Glacier National Park. She would create a program utilizing the trails with activities like nature bingo and tree identification. She would like to kick start this on Trails Day. Bruce Dodson will be her contact. There was discussion.

Lindsey Nord then presented her gold Project proposal. She would like to do a project educating the public about bees – a) preparation of a pamphlet on prevention of bee mortality, b) preparation of a pamphlet for children that is a coloring book with facts on bees, and c) posters showing what bees are attracted to. She also proposed kicking off her project on Trails Day. The Gold projects should be approved by the scout committee in about 6 weeks. There was discussion. They will get back to the committee once approval has been obtained.

Tim reported that Artie Moore Jr. had contacted him about making more picnic tables for the farm for his Eagle Scout project. There was discussion as to the style of the tables. It was agreed that all of the tables should be built like the ones already done by an Eagle Scout. They should be wooden tables stained barn red. There was discussion as to other projects that might be done by Eagle Scouts - one was the installation of the old flag pole from the Town Hall and the other is the construction of a bridge on one of the trails.

Tim presented the minutes from the meeting of December 4. The minutes were accepted as presented.

Tim then talked about the budget. He said that with the money left in the budget for this year, there needs to be a list of priorities. There was lengthy discussion and the list of priorities is as follows: repairs leaks in pole barn roof, repair plywood ceiling in pole barn, paint ceiling of pole

barn, construct handicapped access path to pole barn, and possibly partition a section of the enclosed storage area and create a all purpose room at the western end of the pole barn.

Tim then stated that Randy Davis has said that he might like to do a mural on the large wall of pole barn. He also said there will be further discussion on this once Randy has some sketches to show what he proposes. There was discussion.

Guy has drafted some thank you letters to be sent to those individuals and businesses that have donated time and materials to the farm. Tim stated that he is compiling a list of donations of "in kind".

Peg and Bruce are working on signage for the farm. They will use the sign at the entrance for the prototype. They will report back to the committee.

There was then discussion of the fact that the dooryard needs to be kept clear of cars as per the Master Plan. In the spring a gate will be put up to encourage cars to use the new parking lot. For now a barrier will go up on the driveway to funnel traffic to the new parking area.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Cronin

Secretary