

MINUTES

Special Meeting of Parmelee Farm Committee

Wednesday March 11, 2015 – Town Hall

The following committee members were in attendance: Robert Broach, Christine Cronin, Bruce Dodson, Linda Dudek, Tim Gannon, Karen Milano, Peg Scofield, and Guy Vecchitto

Absent: Terry Doyle

Guests: Arnie Moore and Arnie Moore Jr.

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

Arnie Moore Jr. addressed the committee on his Eagle Scout Project. He is proposing to build 6 picnic tables for the farm. He has spoken with Mark Clifton and has decided to build tables using pipes for the bases and wood for the seats and table tops. The pipe bases come in kits and are very durable and steady. He also stated that this type of tables can easily have new boards installed when it becomes necessary. There was discussion. He will stain the wood. Tim told him that there is stain left over from the restroom building that he can use on the tables. Arnie will keep the committee informed of his progress.

Tim presented the minutes from January 8. The Minutes were accepted as presented.

Karen Milano then reported on the progress in organizing the Farmers Market for this coming summer. She said that things are coming along nicely. There is a lot of interest in the Facebook page. She has already signed up several vendors and is expecting that we will have no trouble filling up the slots. She has already signed up one food truck – the Cannoli Truck. Peg has designed a website – ParmeleeFarmMarket.org. There will be music during the market. Vendors will be parking in the south field. There was lengthy discussion. Karen will keep the committee informed as the planning evolves.

Tim said that with respect to getting ready for the events coming up this year at the Farm, Mike Milano has told him that he will provide a machine and operator to prepare the access road to the pole barn. This will go around to the south side of the stone barn and then straight to the pole barn. Mike also said that he has found a donor who will give 6 truckloads of gravel to use for the road. There was discussion.

Peg gave a rundown of the events to be held at the farm this year. Among the list of events are three weddings. There was discussion as to how the parking for these weddings will be handled. Peg said that all non- profit groups will be charged a \$50 fee for the restrooms and will be required to provide people to supervise the parking. There was discussion.

Karen reported that for this month's Krier update she will be talking about the upcoming events at the farm.

Bruce Dodson advised that the Historical Society has moved a lot of their artifacts into the farmhouse and that the alarm has been activated. From now on if a committee member needs to enter the house they will have to go with a Historical Society board member.

Bruce also said that he was approached by someone who wants to donate a large purple martin bird house to the farm. There was discussion. There was agreement that a purple martin house would be nice by the pond.

Meeting adjourned at 8:43p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Christine Cronin (Secretary)

