

MINUTES

Special Meeting of the Parmelee Farm Committee

Thursday May 29, 2015, Town Hall

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

Guest: Tim Foreman

Tim Gannon called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

The minutes from the meeting held May 21 were approved as presented.

Tim Gannon then talked about all of the work done on the Farm to date. He reviewed the fact that the committee has had discussion of signage that could be designed to recognize all of the many volunteers for their contributions to this community project. He then read to the committee a letter from Mike Milano and Larry Marotti. Tim then presented the proposal from the Lions Club to have a large Lions sign installed on the pole barn. Examples of the two different sign designs were shown to the committee.

Bruce Dodson then reviewed the history of the saving and rehabilitation of the pole barn into a pavilion. He stated that Tim Foreman was the first person who saw that the Pole barn could be saved. This was after the building inspector said it had to be torn down. The Lions Pavilion Committee was formed and substantial funds were raised from a series of concerts organized by Bruce Dodson. The original concept for the pole barn included a kitchen, heated meeting room and restrooms. As time went on and the expense of such a plan was realized, the plans changed. While it is clear that Tim Foreman and Lions Club made a substantial contribution, there were many others that stepped forward and volunteered to help bring this giant project to a conclusion. Therefore to hang a permanent Lions club sign on the building would not be appropriate. There was lengthy discussion on how to recognize all of the contributors at the Farm. There was lengthy discussion.

Peg Scofield made a motion to table further discussion of signage thanking contributors for now and to approve that the Lions may have a temporary sign that they may put on the pole barn when they are holding a Lions 'event, seconded by Guy Vecchitto. Unanimously passed.

Tim reported that the new flag pole had been installed and that the Gorman Family had donated the cost of the pole and installation materials.

Tim also reported that the walkie talkies had arrived and there would be a tutorial held at a later date.

Peg then handed out a document setting forth the rules for non-profit groups and invitation only events at the farm. There was discussion.

Terry Doyle moved to accept the document titled "Non-Profit Organizations Holding Events at Parmelee Farm", seconded by Linda Dudek. Unanimously passed.

Terry Doyle moved to accept as presented the document "Event Set Up and Take Down- Parmelee Farm", seconded by Linda Dudek. Unanimously passed.

Peg Scofield then handed out an event list for the coming summer. There was lengthy discussion and coverage of the events was assigned to committee members.

Meeting adjourned 12:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Cronin

Secretary