

MINUTES

Meeting of Parmelee Farm Committee

Thursday June 2, 2016 – The Pond Room at Parmelee Farm

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

Absent: Karen Milano

Tim opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m. The minutes from the meeting of May 9 were accepted as presented.

Tim told the committee that there will be a demonstration on the portable sink at a future date so that all committee members understand how it operates. It will not be needed for the wedding on Saturday. There was discussion on the Saturday wedding.

Peg reviewed the calendar of events for this season. It was decided that the lawn mower volunteers should have the updated list. There was discussion.

Linda Dudek gave an update on the Farmers' Market. So far 24 vendors have signed up to participate. Tim read an update of the Farmers that had been written by Karen Milano. There was discussion as to where the pony rides should be located. There was lengthy discussion of the Farmers' Market. Linda Dudek stated that the farmhouse will be open during all of the markets.

Peg reported that she is working on the signage for the golf cart. Bruce and Peg showed the committee the new signs for the parking area for traffic direction, for dog walkers and the new trail map. There was discussion.

Tim reported that he and John Byrne have the Wifi for the security system up and running. Also one of the cameras (with night vision) and focused at the farmhouse is up and running. By next week all of the cameras will be hooked up. There was discussion.

Linda Dudek said there is nothing yet to report on the moving of the corn crib to the property.

Tim stated that the next project is to repair the leak in the roof of the Stone Barn. The cost of this was approved at the last meeting. There was discussion.

Tim reported that Ben Chasse had installed the bees in the two hives. Unfortunately the bees of one hive killed the queen and moved into the other hive. Ben is in the process of getting a new queen for the hive.

Robin Chasse and her husband have volunteered to pay to have someone remove vines from the fences of the Shared Harvest Garden fence. Lilly Meyer, the student who worked at the farm last summer, has

been hired to do this job. She has already cleared part of the fence. She has already cleared some of the vines. There was discussion.

Bob Broach reported that he has not yet chosen a spot to plant the mimosa tree.

Tim talked about Karen Milano's letter to the committee offering to resign because of her hearing disability. There was lengthy discussion.

Peg Scofield moved that Karen should continue as a member of the committee, seconded by Guy Vecchitto. Unanimously passed.

Tim then discussed the stage. It has been brought to his attention by Todd Hajak that Clinton has just purchased Madison's old portable stage. Tim and Todd have looked at it and Tim showed the committee a picture of it. Tim will pursue the possibility of using it for one of the concerts at the farm this summer. He will report back to the committee.

Tim stated there is no update on the work on the schoolhouse.

There was discussion of various ways to screen the transformer, electrical panel and heat pump at the corner of the pole barn. There was discussion. This will be discussed at a later meeting.

Tim talked about the town picnic that is being planned for the 350th birthday celebration of Killingworth in 2017 and the fact that it is important that the Parmelee Farm Committee be involved, as far as the rules of usage of the property, etc. There was discussion.

Meeting adjourned 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Cronin

Secretary