

MINUTES

Special Meeting of Parmelee Farm Committee

Wednesday August 10, 2016 – The Pond Room at Parmelee Farm

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

Absent: Terry Doyle and Karen Milano

Guest: John Byrne and Jim Lilly

Tim opened the meeting at 7:02 p.m. and welcomed the guests. The minutes from the meeting were accepted with one correction. The third paragraph should begin "Peg handed out" not "Peg handed put".

Peg distributed an updated list of events for the Farm. There was lengthy discussion. Peg said that she thought that additional folding chairs and a storage cart should be purchased for the Pond Room. There was discussion.

Jim Lilly reviewed Gary Kirkpatrick's proposal for the repairs for the Pine Orchard Schoolhouse. Gary's proposal for what needs to be done to stabilize the building is as follows: The sills of the schoolhouse have kicked out and need to be replaced. The walls need to be made square and plum, new floor joists need to be installed to anchor the building and then a plywood floor needs to be installed. The proposal for the stabilization of the building is broken down into three phases. 1) Sill installation-, 2) joist installation - and 3) floor installation. There was lengthy discussion. Additional quotes will be sought.

Linda Dudek gave an update on the Farmer's Market. Everything is set for this Saturday's market and there will be two new vendors, an alpaca vendor and a wood carver. There was discussion

There was discussion re the signage for the parking area. Bruce and Peg said that it will be done shortly. Peg said that several times cars have tried to drive down the footpath to the middle school. Additional signage will be put at each end of the path from to the middle school and on the posts in the path from the parking lot to the farm house that say "no vehicles". There was discussion. This will be done before September.

Tim reported that the repairs to the roof of the Stone Barn are complete. The final cost for labor was \$1365 (less than the original estimate of \$1600) because of volunteer labor.

Tim said that he was going to get a cost for the screening of the transformer, electrical panel and heat pump. The design for the screening was done by Heather Greenaway. He will get back to the committee when he has an estimate.

Tim is going to talk to Chris Graves of Heavy Duty Floors to get options and pricing for the floor of the Pond Room which is presently just a rough concrete finish. He will report back to the committee.

Tim reported that the idea of a stage is on hold for the time being. There was discussion on ideas for the amphitheater that is part of the Master Plan.

There was continued discussion of a need for more chairs for the pond room. Tim said that 24 more chairs would cost about \$324 dollars. He will research the cost of a rack to hold the chairs.

Bruce moved to approve the expenditure of up to \$600 for the purchase of chairs and a rack for use at approved Pond Room events, seconded by Guy Vecchitto. Unanimously passed.

Tim announced that the Husky lawn mower has died. There was lengthy discussion of a replacement. Peg moved to approve and expenditure up to \$2000 for the purchase of a 46" deck Cub Cadet, seconded by Guy Vecchitto. Unanimously passed.

Tim said the after a number of events the floor of the pavilion is getting stained. It would be helpful to purchase a power washer. John Wills has given Tim a price of \$100 per wash. There was discussion.

Peg moved to approve an expenditure of up to \$600 to purchase a power washer, seconded by Guy Vecchitto. Unanimously passed.

Tim reported that he had been approached by two Eagle Scout to do projects for the Farm. Nate Carlson would like to build a bird blind for bird watching. Tim told him he should check with Mark Clifton. John Christopher had told Tim he would like to build something at the Farm. There was discussion. Tim will talk to him about building a new bridge from the south field to the pond.

Tim showed the committee a picture of a bench that might be a solution for memorials at the Farm. There was discussion. There will be more research on this so that there would be more than one option.

There was a brief discussion of possibly using the bricks that were donated for a patio outside the Pond Room and of grinding the stumps that are located at the back of the farmhouse. There will be more discussion at a later time.

Meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Cronin

Secretary

