

Parmelee Farm Committee  
Minutes of Meeting  
Parmelee Farm  
November 2, 2023

Present: Lise Brule, Christine Cronin, Linda Dudek, Tim Gannon, Mike Greenaway, Scott Hawkins, Peg Scofield and Guy Vecchitto

Absent: Terry Doyle, and Karen Milano

Guests: Eileen Blewett and Greg Wind

Scott called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and welcomed the guests. The minutes from the meetings of October 5 and 19 were accepted as presented.

Scott had sent out a treasurer's report to a Committee members. He stated that Gina asked that the numbers be reviewed. There was discussion.

Scott said that Andrew has made great progress on the rock wall reconstruction from the new KHS Barn down to the schoolhouse. Scott will also seek quotes for painting the corn crib, garage, and restrooms to see what painting needs to be done. He will report back to the Committee when receives the quotes. Peg in looking into the cost for additional lighting for the trees south of the Pavilion, for the trail to the schoolhouse and some uplighting for the maples in the big field. This will be a spring project.

Eileen Blewett reported that the events calendar is almost at an end. The season went very well and numerous events were held at the Farm both large and small. She will get a report of those statics to Scott. The Committee would like to acknowledge the great help that Eileen has given to Parmelee Farm. Her contribution as Events Coordinator has been a huge addition to the roster of Parmelee Farm volunteers.

Lise Brule reported that The Shared Harvest Garden had produced 1,000 pounds of fresh food this year. Their market had had over 100 people as well as they were able to give fresh produce the Helping Hands Pantry. They are presently getting the garden ready for winter. Mary Solera will do a summary for Scott.

Scott reported that the plans for Christmas at the Farm are moving along. Santa will be there from 2:30 to 4:30. and will lead the procession to the tree lighting which is at 5. The horse and carriage ride will go from 2 to 4. There was discussion of wagon routes which will be weather dependent. There will be several activity tables in the Pavilion for children. There was discussion on the decorating of the Christmas tree, signage and parking. Scott will speak to Guy about reaching out to the Lions for help with the parking from 2 pm on. The KHS will handle parking until 2 pm. Scott will put together a schedule of all items to be accomplished in the days before the event.

The Committee agreed that the meeting should continue to be held on the first Thursday of the month.

Linda Dudek reported that the program with KES third graders at the schoolhouse went very well.

Scott announced the Guest House in Chester has now added Parmelee Farm as their preferred place to visit for a guided or unguided nature walk. They have trail brochures on site.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Cronin  
Secretary