

Parmelee Farm Committee
Minutes of Meeting
Parmelee Farm
June 6, 2024

Present: Christine Cronin, Linda Dudek, Tim Gannon, Mike Greenaway, Scott Hawkins
Karen Milano and Guy Vecchitto

Absent: Lise Brule, Terry Doyle and Peg Scofield

Guests: Eileen Blewett, Greg Wind and Mary Solera

Scott called the meeting to order at 7p.m. and welcomed the guests. Greg Wind made a presentation on the plans and logistics of the Coast Guard concert that will be held at the Farm on July 21. There was lengthy discussion.

The minutes of May 2 were accepted with the correction that "Tim Gannon" be deleted from the list of attendees. Scott discussed the combined Parmelee Farm Operating Budget which had been distributed to the Committee. There was discussion.

Eileen reported that as of now, the list of events for this season is as follows: 5 weddings, 10 non weddings, 3 non profit events, and 15 small events. The booked events fees for the season totals \$23,700. There was lengthy discussion of events, including the Youth and Family Service Summer Solstice event to be held on 6/20.

Scott mentioned that HKYFS has a new website listing community service projects for students. There was discussion that the Farm will participate in this as part of the drive to get more volunteers as well as the need for staffing large events and some general grounds work.

Linda reported that the inside work on the Farm House is completed and KHS will be reinstalling the displays. The repair work on the windows in the barn has not yet been started. The event with the KHS and the second graders on June 17 is in the planning stages. The Artisan Market plans are in good shape. There was discussion.

Scott reported that he is researching retractable awnings for the south side of the Pavilion. He will report back to the Committee when he has all of the information.

Mary Solera reported that the Shared Harvest Garden has harvested the first lettuce crop and delivered it to Helping Hands. Shared Harvest will continue to be held on Wednesdays. She also reported that the Community Garden gardeners have decided to handle their own mowing and general maintenance. There was discussion.

Scott attended the June meeting of the Killingworth Land Trust and presented on behalf of the Parmelee Farm Committee how grateful we are to have such a valued relationship with the Land Trust. They in turn have committed to the upkeep of the Parmelee Trails as well as advise on any land management issues that may arise. Andy Aninno recommended to Scott a solution of trail washout and muddy areas is to purchase Geotech. A product to be laid over the path and filled with gravel. There was discussion. The Land Trust will assist with installation. Linda Dudek moved to approve purchase of the Geotech with funds from the Activity Account, seconded by Guy Vecchitto. Unanimously passed.

Tim reminded the Committee of the car cruise and concert this Sunday.

Meeting adjourned 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Cronin
Secretary