

PARMELEE FARM COMMITTEE

Minutes

July 11, 2024

The regular meeting of the Parmelee Farm Committee was called to order by the Chair Scott Hawkins at 7:00 pm in the Pond Room of the pavilion. The following members were present: Scott Hawkins, Tim Gannon, Lise Brule, Peg Scofield, and Linda Dudek. Absent: Mike Greenaway, Guy Vecchitto, Karen Milano, Terry Doyle, and Chris Cronin.

Visitors: Frank Cervo. Mr. Cervo addressed the committee regarding a memorial request for a local family who lost a baby recently. The family was interested in planting a tree at the farm. Peg explained that the farm has memorial benches and suggested that a bench might be a better option than a tree which would require care that we do not have staffing for. There was a brief discussion. Mr. Cervo will inform the family about the memorial benches and get back to the committee.

The committee's financial reports were discussed. Tim noted that the cleaning cost of the porta potty has more than doubled under the new ownership of the company. He questioned if the increase was for cleaning only or also for rental fees. Tim stated that the town owns the porta potty, and no rental fee should be charged. Scott will ask the Financial Director for clarification.

A recent water test showed chloroform in the farm well. The well was treated with chorine and will be retested in a few days. The restrooms and faucets cannot be used until a new test shows no signs of bacteria.

Scott reported that the geo grid for trails was purchased, and the town crew delivered the stone needed for the grid. Several Land Trust members and volunteers will place the grid on the Blue Trail to make the trail safer. Scott noted that Terry is remaking two picnic tables.

There was a discussion on upcoming events including the Car Show and Concert (7/14) and Coast Guard Concert (7/21). Scott stated that the Platt Nature Center will be using the pavilion for a class on July 16th during the day. Scott is waiting for quotes on sides for the pavilion and awnings for the south side of the building for shade.

A discussion on the no smoking policy on the property took place.

Peg has purchased blue tooth speakers to be used at our events. She also purchased new signage for the Artisan Market. Scott purchased signs to mark parking rows.

A discussion on a possible 2025 fund raising request by Valley Shore Animal Welfare League was discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda M. Dudek, Acting Secretary