

Parmelee Farm Committee
Minutes of Meeting
Parmelee Farm
May 1, 2025

Present: Eileen Blewett, Christine Cronin, Linda Dudek, Tim Gannon, Mike Greenaway, Karen Milano, Richard Pleines, Peg Scofield, Guy Vecchitto, and Ken Wodatch

Absent: Terry Doyle

Guest: Dan O'Sullivan

Tim called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed the guest. The minutes from April 3 were accepted as presented.

Dan O'Sullivan talked about the installation of the new AED that the Ambulance Association has gotten for the Farm. There was lengthy discussion of where it should be located. It was decided that it should be installed on the west wall of the restroom building. The Ambulance Association will install the new AED. Dan also remarked that there should be a CPR class for volunteers at the Farm. He will check into available dates and get back to the Committee.

There was discussion of the Farm's financials. There was discussion of projects that might be done. Eileen is going to look into adding a counter, sink and cabinets to the Pond Room. There was also discussion of the HVAC system. Richard stated that he hasn't been able to find the part needed. He suggested buying a whole new unit. There was discussion. He will look into that. He will also check to see if the A/C is working. The estimate for the curtains for the pavilion is no longer valid. The Committee needs to see what the new pricing is. It will be discussed at a later date.

Ken said the Shared Harvest has now started planting and they have added four raised beds. Premier Stone donated the soil for the new beds. Some bee keeping equipment was donated by a town resident. Lise has taken what she can use. They will look into selling the remaining hives and equipment at the KHS Tag sale. Proceeds will go back to the Shared Harvest Garden. There was also discussion of turning the water on in the two gardens.

Peg is looking into the repair of the flag pole.

Ken said he looked into the gutter repair - 75% of the leaders from the drain pipes need replacing. After researching it - the best solution is to replace the damaged ones with extendable plastic ones. He will order a case.

Eileen reported that after getting prices, John Wills was the best price at \$450 for power washing the floor of the Pavilion. He will do it on May 21, the cost will come out of the Activity Account. Guy was asked to check to see that the Lions room in the Pavilion has been cleaned. There was discussion. If it has not been done he will see that it gets done. Eileen also reported that the septic will be pumped May 7. The RestRooms and the Pond Room have had their first cleaning.

Tim reported that the mowing had started this week. There are 3 new mower volunteers, Greg Wind, Ed Gorman and Tim Benevelli.

Linda reported that the Fire Extinguishers have had their annual check. All is good.

Tim said the WiFi is working. There was discussion. Richard will change the GFI plug in the Pavilion that has been causing some problems.

Karen Milano reported that the trails are looking good. However the tree Identification tags are beginning to fall off. There was discussion. Karen will contact the Scouts as this would be a good eagle Scout project.

Mike Greenaway will join the Grounds Committee. Chris Cronin will start work on the garden by the sign at the entrance.

Eileen reported that the May 30 Concert Event is coming along. It should be a great event. Tim reported that he has performers lined up for the July and August concerts...he is still looking for June and September. If he cannot find group for June it will just be the Car Cruise. Park and Rec is planning 2 Friday concerts. And the Lions are sponsoring the Coast Guard Band on July 20.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Cronin
Secretary