

Parmelee Farm Committee
Minutes of Meeting
Parmelee Farm
April 2, 2026

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

Absent: Brian Dombroski, Mike Greenaway, Terry Doyle

At 7 p.m. meeting called to order. The minutes from March 5 were accepted as presented.

Tim reported that the Sugar House, despite the weather had a successful season. They made \$6,000. They are 95% done with clean up. He mentioned that they need a backup syrup pan for next season. There was discussion.

Linda reported that most of the participants for the Artisan Market have sent in their deposits. There will be a few new vendors this year. There was discussion.

Eileen brought up the fact that the electric bill was quite high during this downtime at the Farm. There as discussion as to possible causes. Richard will investigate.

Richard will follow up with Chris as to the downed trees. There was discussion of the Lions' Easter Egg Hunt - Greg Wind is the chair. Tim reported the a camera in the parking lot failed and is getting a replacement solar panel at a cost of \$25. He also reported that the mower machines need to be serviced before the mowing season begins. Ed Gorman is going to assist with this.

Karen reported that the Caiden Taylor's Eagle Scout project(tree id on the trails) should be completed by May. There was discussion of the new trail. The Land Trust is the group that generates the map for the trails.

Eileen said she had booked a second wedding for October 11. She commented that the majority of events for this season are community events rather than large private events. YFS is scheduling more events. There was discussion.

Linda reported that the exterminator services have reduced the mice in the farm house - no mice recently. For the 250th celebration the KHS will have the house open for all concert events and the Pumpkin Carving. There was discussion of a banner for the 250th. Linda will get a design to Peg. KHS wants to remove the old Privet from the front of the farmhouse and replace it with a picket fence. Peg made a motion to approve the KHS removal of the Privet and replace it with a picket fence, seconded by Eileen. Unanimously passed.

There was then discussion of the replacement of the 5 picnic tables that were disposed of last fall because they were unsafe and disintegrating. There was discussion of the suggestion made by Annie Stirna, which was to have HK students build 2 tables per year for the farm. These would be built from treated lumber with decking screws. There was discussion. It was determined that tables of this kind are fine for a back yard environment, but not for public spaces. They are not food safe, require regular maintenance and are very heavy to move. Tables at the Farm are moved regularly. The tables Peg located are 8' rectangular, perforated metal with a thermoplastic coating(washable) on the tabletop and benches suitable for public spaces. They are UV protected and engineered to withstand hot and cold weather. They have smooth surface and rounded corners. They have stainless steel hardware and plastic protective acorn nuts that prevent injuries from rubbing against exposed bolt ends. The cost is \$7786.99 for 6.

Peg moved to approve the purchase the six 8'foot tables for \$7786.99 with funds from the Activities Fund, seconded by Richard. Unanimously passed.

There was lengthy discussion of the budget.

Tim moved to approve an amount not to exceed \$2,000 for supplies for the Sugar House from the Activities Fund, seconded by Eileen. Unanimously passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Cronin
Secretary