

Meeting Minutes
Maple Farms Park Committee
Tuesday March 7, 2017
6:00 pm Homestead

A regular meeting of the Town of Bozrah, Maples Farm Park Commission was called to order at 6:03 PM at the Homestead at Maples Farm Park by Secretary, Lara Stauning.

Regular members present: Lara Stauning, Miria Toth, Candace Chambers, Jane Angelico

Alternate members present: Dawn Tessmer, Brandon Lathrop

Regular Members absent: John Kemp

Alternate Members absent: None

Others present: 4 members of the public were present.

1. Call meeting to order at 6:03 pm.
2. Public Comment 3 minutes per person. No comment received.
3. Review and approve the minutes from the February 7, 2017 Meeting.

J. Angelico made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2017 meeting, C. Chambers seconded the motion.

VOTE UNANIMOUS- MOTION CARRIED

4. Review and Approve Applications.

A. Sarah Brush

L. Stauning made a motion to approve the application submitted by Sarah Brush to rent the homestead on 4/8/17, 11 AM- 1 PM, Miria Toth seconded the motion.

VOTE UNANIMOUS- MOTION CARRIED

B. Mary Elizabeth Lang, rental of homestead on 4/29/17, 2 PM- 4 PM, 6th Annual Daffodil and Poetry Festival.

J. Angelico made a motion to approve the application submitted by Mary Elizabeth Lang, C. Chambers seconded the motion.

VOTE UNANIMOUS- MOTION CARRIED

5. Finances/Grants:

No update available regarding finances. M. Toth reported that due to the pending litigation against the market the Farmers Market was prohibited from applying for grants.

6. Flag Pole Update-

A. discussion took place among the commission members regarding the placement of the flag pole that is going to be donated by the American Legion. Several options were discussed.

J. Angelico made a motion to place the flag pole at the end of the stonewall area around the parking area. C. Chambers seconded the motion.

VOTE UNANIMOUS- MOTION CARRIED

B. M. Toth, Market Master, advised the Commission that she was in agreement with holding a flag retirement ceremony, hosted by the American Legion, on the final day of the market.

C. M. Toth also advised the Commission that it is possible for the American Legion to have a booth at one of the Farmers Market nights prior to the flag retirement ceremony to promote the event and educate the community on proper treatment of the flag.

D. A discussion took place regarding the American Legion's intention to make the flag pole dedication on the first night of the market at 6:00 PM and to include local American Legion officials, state and federal legislators, and the FMS band. Ray Barber stressed that the American Legion wants to make this a major community event, as a result, this is likely to draw a larger crowd. M. Toth indicated that she was supportive of the event and would prepare accordingly.

7. Little Free Library Proposal – Carol Watson

Bozrah residents, Carol and Steve Watson presented a proposal to install a “Little Free Library” on the park property. A Little Free Library would be a place where residents could leave and pick up books. C. Watson provided examples of the small structures other communities have used. C. Watson also agreed to monitor the little library once established.

M. Toth made motion to approve the establishment of a “little free library” at Maples Farm Park. C. Chambers seconded.

VOTE UNANIMOUS- MOTION PASSED

8. Farmers Market Update- M. Toth. Negotiations regarding the law suit filed against the Farmers Market by Keifer's Kettle Corn continue.

9. Upcoming Events

March 19th Baby Shower (Private event)

April 8th Bridal Shower (Private event)

April 29th Daffodil and Poetry (Public event)

May 6th Spring Market (Public event)

July 1st Wedding (Private event)

July 7th Opening Day of the Farmers Market and Flagpole Dedication

10. Homestead and Park Status- No update available

11. Such other business- None

12. Adjournment

L. Stauning made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 PM. C. Chambers seconded.

VOTE UNANIMOUS- MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,

Lara Stauning, Secretary