

New Glarus Town Parks Commission 2010 Review

Membership:

- Incoming: Debi Pesch and Pete Raskovic, Pete Shaffer (alternate), Keith Seward (alternate)
- Outgoing: Chuck Sasso, Debi Pesch, Pete Shaffer

Projects Completed:

1. February – Joint meeting with the Village Parks and Recreation Committee.
2. February - Bluebirding in Wisconsin workshop at the New Glarus High School Commons.
3. February – Nikki Raskovic suggested logo and typeface designs for branding the New Glarus Parks Commission.
4. March – Parks Website updated with archived copies of Power Point presentations converted to Adobe Acrobat files from past workshops.
5. March – Mailed surveys for 2011 Parks Plan and posted survey online as link on Parks website.
6. April – Preliminary results of Parks Survey discussed at Annual Town meeting.
7. April – A volunteer database was created based on survey results for each activity the Parks Commission was involved in on an ongoing basis.
8. April – Parks members removed trash and buried dump items from the Bluebird Ridge Conservancy property.
9. April – Joint Arbor Day tree planting with Village of New Glarus; volunteer assistance and purchase of trees.
10. May – Bluebird Ridge Conservancy land was reseeded with a mix of native seeds.
11. August – Commission members **Shaffer, Whitacre, and Caskey (?)** assisted with the Alphonman Triathlon conducted in the Village and Town.
12. August – Joint meeting with the Village Parks and Recreation Committee.

13. September – Met with former members of the Parks Commission to discuss revisions to the Parks Plan.
14. September – Created draft 2011 Parks Budget that was submitted to the Town Board for approval.
15. October – Parks Commission contracts with Dan Sullivan to use a brush cutter to remove invasive species from the Bluebird Ridge Conservancy Property.
16. November – Met jointly with the Village of New Glarus Parks and Recreation Committee and approved joint participation in Glarner Park Ice Skating Rink. Parks Commission members approved a donation of \$500 to assist the Village.
17. November - Purchased equipment for a controlled burn of the Bluebird Ridge Conservancy property on an annual basis or as needed.
18. December – **Fill dirt dumped and spread at Bluebird Ridge Conservancy property to cover embedded items dumped on the site in the past that could not be easily removed.**
19. December – Glarner Park Ice Skating Rink was created jointly by a cooperative effort of the Village of New Glarus, Town of New Glarus, and New Glarus Vision Youth.

Ongoing Activities

1. Regular updates of the Parks Commission website with new and archived information including a streamed video of the Bluebirding in Wisconsin workshop.
2. Regular updates of Sinking Fund balances and Impact Fees collected including interest.
3. Continued regular dialogue with Village of New Glarus Parks and Recreation Committee.
4. Maintained budget for 2010.
5. Continued to explore state, federal and other grant opportunities to fund land acquisition for trails including the issuance of two Letters of Retroactivity for a Stewardship Grant and River Protection Grant.
6. Continued restoration of Bluebird Ridge Conservancy land with plans for long range regeneration of native plants and grasses and signage.

Projects Worked on but not completed:

1. Worked towards revising the 2006 Parks Plan the results of which will be presented to the Town Board and electorate at the April 2011 Annual Meeting.
2. Worked actively with Richard Irland to approve a design for marking the Bluebird Ridge Conservancy.
3. Development of a trail system in the Town for recreation.
4. Began planning a Native Raptor workshop for October 2011 with presentations by the Raptor Education Group Incorporated (REGI).

Media/Publicity/Communications:

1. Workshop Invitations to all Town Residents
2. Presented Workshop on Bluebirding in Wisconsin
3. Press releases to Post Messenger for membership