

**Town of New Glarus
Parks Commission Minutes
Thursday, April 12, 2012
7:00 PM**

Attendance: Ellen Caskey, Chris Reis, Andy Elkins, Chris Narveson.

Not in attendance: Russ Whitacre, Pete Raskovic.

Also attending: Diane Ziehli-Deputy Clerk, Dana Emmerton.

Vice Chair Caskey brought the meeting to order at 7:03p.m.

1. Proof of Posting – confirmed by Ziehli, Deputy Clerk.

2. Approve Minutes of March 8, 2012 Meeting – Motioned by Chris Narveson, 2nd by Andy Elkins to approve minutes. Motion carried.

3. Aquatic Invasive Species Speaker – Ellen Caskey informed the members that Russ Whitacre spoke with Dan Barrett of UW Platteville. It was determined that Mr. Barrett didn't meet the parks commission expectations as an aquatic invasive species speaker. Speaker topic to be discussed at a later date and time.

4. New Parks Member Dana Emmerton was sworn in by Vice Chair Caskey. Dana Emmerton to serve a 7 year term which expires in 7/20/2018. A warm welcome was given to Emmerton on joining the parks commission.

5. Updates

a. Barn Workshop @ New Glarus High School, Thursday, May 3, 2012 @ 7:00 PM. Vice-Chair Ellen Caskey requested all parks board members attend workshop event to help make sure everything runs smoothly for the evening presentation. E. Caskey also reported that Pete Raskovic would like to play a barn vhs tape prior to Mr. Apps barn presentation. This barn tape will provide entertainment to the public before the program officially begins.

b. A suggestion was made by C. Narveson. Would the parks commission consider the possibility of publishing our website online via U-Tube. Another good advertising avenue to put our name out there.

c. Discussion of the Public Service Announcement for the Barn Workshop. Mailing brochures have been printed, folded, and mailed. Total mailing of about 500 copies to local residents. Local businesses approached to also post barn workshop flyers. The town library, post office, town garage bulletin board, town lobby window also display the barn flyers. D. Ziehli will follow up with P. Raskovic as to him contacting the Wisconsin State Farmer and the Wisconsin State Journal. E. Caskey to handle sending flyer information to the students and also to Dan Ziegler of the FFA organization.

d. A. Elkins commented on the Tree Sale. This year it is too late as the contractor has already placed the tree order in order to receive shipment on time for Arbor Day. Elkins will discuss at next Boy Scouts meeting the plan for next year's tree sale.

e. Discussion of the 2nd Barn Workshop was tabled by the committee.

f. Dog Park possible areas were further discussed. The comment was made to possibly visit the Verona Dog Park that is in the process of being built. The property owned by Randy Kruse, DVM of the New Glarus Veterinary Clinic possible dog park site. Extend an invitation to Mr. Kruse to attend a parks meeting to discuss the dog park issue. E. Caskey also mentioned the possible brewery land next to the river for a dog park.

g. Saturday, April 21, 2012 Spring Clean-Up. The designated road for clean-up is Legler Valley Road. Disposal of collected garbage from clean-up to be taken to the Town Garage for pick-up.

h. Arbor Day tree planting scheduled Friday, May 4, 2012.

i. Joint Town/Village Parks Meeting meet April 4, 2012. Topics discussed were Joint Community Center, Joint Dog Park, Hoesly Pond, Arbor Day tree planting.

6. Public Comments

C. Narveson commented on the Village of New Glarus new library progress. Library board members attended the April 2012 Town of New Glarus Board Meeting. The Village is excited about the new library plans and how everything is progressing along.

The Parks members commented that the Parks Commission should possibly take an active part in helping with the new library landscaping. To be further discussed.

Schedule Next Meeting – Thursday, May 10, 2012 @ 7:00 pm.

Agenda items will include: Barn Workshop, 2nd Barn Workshop, Large Scale Streambank Map, Joint Dog Park, Spring Clean-up, Arbor Day Tree Planting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:28 pm on a motion by Andy Elkins, 2nd by Chris Narveson.

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