

**TOWN OF NEW GLARUS
PARKS COMMISSION MEETING
FEBRUARY 13, 2014
MINUTES**

ATTENDING: Andy Elkins, Dana Emmerton, Chris Reis, Harry Pulliam and Pattie Salter,
Town Clerk

ABSENT: Chris Narveson, Pete Raskovic

CALL TO ORDER: A. Elkins called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m.

AGENDA:

1. Proof of Posting: Clerk attested to proper posting.
2. Discuss and Consider January 9, 2014 Minutes:
H. Pullium moved to approve the January 9, 2014 minutes, 2nd D. Emmerton. Motion carried.
3. Public Comments: None.
 - a) Possible New Member Attendance: Not in attendance.
4. Updates: handouts: The Parks Commission received a card from the Boy Scouts showing appreciation for allowing them to participate in last year's tree sale.

The group reviewed an article regarding permanent easements in Verona along the Sugar River previously owned by the Bruce Company.

The group reviewed an article noted that grant funding has decreased on lands set aside for hunting and fishing.

5. Discuss and Consider: Tree Workshop date, educational components; bats and/or trees, Mailing piece/ schedule:
 - a) Approve payment of invoices for trees:
C. Reis moved to approve the payment to Paint Creek Nursery in the amount of \$205.00
H. Pullium 2nd. Motion carried.

D. Emmerton moved to approve the payment to Schumacher's in the amount of \$868.00.
C. Reis 2nd. Payment does not include freight which will be billed separately. Motion carried.
 - b) Possible Workshop Date: The tentative date of the workshop is the evening of April 27th.
Alternate meeting date would be May
 - c) Potential Speakers: Cory Secher - Green County Forester (608) 275-3205
Mr. Bauman of the Conservation-Wisconsin Inc (608) 837-2287
John Peterson with the Audubon (Could also be on hand at when the bird blinds are installed.)

d) Mailing Piece/Schedule: A. Elkins and D. Emmerton will prepare the mailer and have it ready for approval at the next Parks meeting with the intent of assembling and mailing at the April Parks meeting.

e) Refreshments: D. Emmerton suggested serving hot cider and a treat. A. Elkins moved to authorize up to but not exceeding \$100. H. Pullium 2nd. Plan for 45 people.

Flyer needs to mention door prizes – Blue bird houses and bat houses. A. Elkins will contact Kim Tschudy about the kits/bat houses. Should include the Chamber of Commerce and the Post Messenger in the mailing.

f) Tree Sale: A. Elkins reported that the Boy Scouts are available to sell trees on May 3.

6. Discuss and consider:

a) H. Pullium moved to approve the annual membership fees for The Prairie Enthusiasts- \$200.00. D. Emmerton 2nd. Motion Carried.

b) Without objection the Friends of New Glarus Woods State Park - \$50.00 business level membership will be revisited.

7. Discuss and consider: After a brief discussion it was determined that no one from the Parks Commission could attend the TPE Annual Conference.

8. Discuss Trail Easements process: Follow-up to letters and DNR representative discussion. A. Elkins mentioned that they have received approval from the DNR to mow the easement along the Sugar River Bank improvement. They would still need to get permission from home owners. D. Emmerton mentioned that an aluminum pier plank/section could be used for a bridge.

C. Narveson agreed to personally request easements. Without objection revisit next month.

9. Schedule Next Meeting and Set Agenda: March 13, 7:00 p.m.

10. Adjourn: H. Pullium moved to adjourn at 7:42 pm, 2nd by D. Emmerton. Motion carried.