

**TOWN OF NEW GLARUS
PARKS COMMISSION MEETING
APRIL 10, 2014
AGENDA**

ATTENDING: Andy Elkins, Dana Emmerton, Chris Reis, Harry Pulliam and Susan McCallum, Deputy Clerk

ABSENT: Chris Narveson, Pete Raskovic

ALSO ATTENDING:

CALL TO ORDER: A. Elkins called the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m.

AGENDA:

1. Proof of Posting: Deputy Clerk attested to proper posting.
2. Discuss and consider March 13, 2014 minutes:
H. Pulliam moved to approve the March 13 minutes, 2nd by C. Reis. Motion carried.
3. Public Comments, possible new member attendance: McCallum reminded the commission members that the Town Chairman would like them to attend the Annual Meeting, April 15. C. Narveson had emailed her wondering if there was any discussion at the joint meeting regarding the library referendum. A. Elkins said he asked and the vote was 7 more to put it behind the fire dept. and got the approval to borrow the funding. Otherwise no discussion.
4. Updates: handouts
McCallum presented Facebook insights document, 46 likes so far. She also passed out an updated member and contact list.
5. Discuss and consider; Alternate Storage Shed- \$400, Pool Scholarship Program, Installation of Bird Blinds, Monthly Meeting Schedule: Discussion included availability for members on other evenings, S. McCallum related the information from C. Narveson's March 3 email, one conflict was only for March and April. The commission will wait to hear back from Narveson about his continued schedule conflict although he did not say the third and fourth Thursdays were issues, in the meantime they will change May's meeting to the fourth Thursday, May 22.
S. McCallum handed the members pictures of the wooden storage shed. They discussed the pros and cons of purchasing of the shed. A. Elkins looked at it and felt it was in good shape and only needed a couple small repairs; he was concerned that the eaves are not enclosed. Discussion continued on which budget line item to use for the expenditure. A. Elkins moved to use impact fees to purchase the storage shed for storage of parks inventory for \$400, 2nd by H. Pulliam. Motion carried.
A. Elkins was contacted by a potential eagle scout who is interested in installing multiple bird blinds, including the current constructed one. D. Emmerton asked how many blinds would the area hold. A. Elkins suggested four possible one in each corner. H. Pulliam feels we go with the one we already have with a screen behind viewers and see how it goes. Other projects could include blinds interior identifying birds types or markers of the plants in the conservancy. It was decided to work with the young man and have him research plans for a second blind, research base for current one, install current blind, construct second and

install. The commission will be responsible for materials cost. H. Pulliam said this would be cheap labor. A. Elkins will be the contact for the child. S. McCallum informed the group that Tom Mitchell stopped into the office this week and TPE are planning to burn BBRC early next week. He mowed around oaks and another large tree, and would like to know if his fire break mowing was okay. H. Pulliam viewed the conservancy and he did not notice where he had mowed, but there is a private property sign half way down through the park. He emailed Mitchell to let him know when they burn to notify him and he will join them. McCallum signed a permission form for TPE to do the burn.

McCallum presented information regarding the current pool scholarships, season pass revenues 2011 – 2013, amount paid in 2013, scholarship chart and application. The Village Clerk said they were meeting this week to adjust the program. All aspects of program were discussed at length: regarding qualifications, application, needs and expanding to the entire town as only one family received the 2013 funding. It was discussed to divide the \$300 in pool scholarships in the budget into 6 scholarships of \$50 on a first come first serve for 2014 based on qualifying income-most needy, to gauge participation. It was decided not to use first come, but set a deadline for applications. These would be certificates to be applied toward their choice of pool passes or other pool products. Applications will be received in the Town Hall offices and qualified applicants will receive a certificate to use in the Village for their choice of pool products. The Village will forward certificates to the Town for reimbursement, if an applicant does not use entire amount they will not be refunded the difference and the Town will reimburse the amount used. A discussion continued on how to get the program to the families who may qualify, the forms will be available at the spring workshop. A. Elkins moved to establish the 2014 Pool Scholarship Program as follows: Award 6, \$50 scholarships for Town residents based on the income requirements on application form due by May 30. These will be awarded on a sliding income scale. 2nd by H. Pulliam. Motion carried.

6. Schedule Next Meeting and Set Agenda: May 22, 7pm. Agenda- Bird Blind plan approval/Eagle Scout, Trail easements, discuss ideas brought forward at joint meeting-trail along river and soccer field, fall workshop ideas, BBRC sign maintenance, BBRC road sign update, park boundaries/markings, ask A. Ingwell to attend.
7. Adjourn: Commission adjourned to complete mailing pieces for Spring Workshop. A. Elkins moved to adjourn at 9:15 pm, 2nd by H. Pulliam. Motion carried.