

**TOWN OF NEW GLARUS
PARKS COMMISSION MEETING
JUNE 19, 2014
MINUTES**

ATTENDING: Andy Elkins, Dana Emmerton, Chris Reis, Harry Pulliam, Chris Narveson and Susan McCallum, Deputy Clerk (arrived at 8:30 pm).

ABSENT: Pete Raskovic

ALSO ATTENDING: Adam Ingwell, Rob Yeiser and Girl Scout Troop 2037- two girls and Boy Scout Troop 106- 3 boys.

CALL TO ORDER: C. Narveson called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

AGENDA:

1. Proof of Posting: Deputy Clerk attested to proper posting.
2. Discuss and consider May 22, 2014 minutes:
H. Pulliam moved to approve the May 22 minutes, 2nd C. Reis. Motion carried.
3. Public Comments: C. Narveson said there was a discussion regarding trash collection, at the Town Board meeting June 11. An RFP was let for a trash/recycle vendor. He thought it was clear, that both services were to be let for bid, same as now and trash containers. All three RFPs returned included only the containers. So the decision was to table, continue with the same company and style of pick up until they could get additional RFPs. The members of the commission felt the current service is preferred. There has been a change in the route pick up times due to current service coming from Madison instead of Janesville.
4. Presentation of Earnings to Girl Scout Troop 2037 and Boy Scout Troop 106: C. Narveson presented checks earned from their assistance with tree sales, \$623.50 for each group. Wyatt Emmerton and two boys were present from Troop 106 and two girls appeared from Troop 2037.
5. Updates: workshop thank-yous: All members signed the thank-you letters and S. McCallum will send to the presenters.
6. Updates:
 - a. BBRC sign maintenance, debris at BBRC, Park Boundaries markings, Installation of Bird Blinds.
Lance Emmerton has agreed to sand, repaint and seal the sign. S. McCallum will take him to the sign to view needed repairs and then to the hardware store for supplies. C. Narveson will deliver a sander to Emmertons for his use.
Debris at the conservancy will be used for a bonfire in the fall. A letter will be written to the residents in the area about the fall event. A press release in the local paper will be used to inform the general public.
The commission discussed the need to mark the park boundaries and what types of items to use for the marking. C. Narveson will provide H. Pulliam and A. Elkins with a GPS map of the conservancy, with measurements, for them to use to locate park boundaries.
H. Pulliam will accompany Eagle Scout to the conservancy to determine location for blinds, just south of the picnic tables. They will be installed in late July or early August.

b. Monthly Meeting Schedule: There was consensus to hold the regular commission meeting on the third Thursday of the month at 7:00pm. There may be conflicts with Plan Commission meetings. The joint meeting with the Village will be moved to the 17th from the 10th, and will meet at 6:30pm.

7. Discuss and consider BBRC Highway sign and other BBRC items- Adam Ingwell: A.

Ingwell and R. Yeiser were present to discuss the placement of a sign on Windmill Ridge Rd. S. McCallum had compiled the responses from the residents of the subdivision. It was unanimous from the comments they do not want increased use of the conservancy and would be opposed to any road sign. The commission communicated that this park is for all town resident's use and it is not a neighborhood park.

A. Ingwell and R. Yeiser asked that the commission to set park hours. C. Narveson moved to refer park hours to the ordinance committee for action, 2nd by A. Elkins. Motion carried.

A. Ingwell reported that the person from the USFS, Dave Engells, could offer financial help with the park; this would not include purchase and planting of bushes for boundaries. There are large box elders on the north boundary to be cleared and the sumac is spreading rapidly along the eastern side.

8. Discuss and consider Trail Easement letters and approach:

S. McCallum informed the commission about a trail change from the original concept based upon the DNR representative outlining the 20 ft. buffer along streams. C. Narveson felt if we could get the Brewery to participate the others would also. H. Pulliam felt that it would be nice to recognize the property owners for their contribution with a trail sign designation and this concept could be included in the letter. C. Narveson said to have a grand opening with an announcement in the paper. D. Emmerton suggested an educational component with the children so they know where the trail is. C. Narveson suggested posting at the beginning of the trail such as 'please respect private property and stay on the trail'. There was general consensus for recognition of property owners. Discussion included who and how the trail would be mowed, whether equipment purchase would be necessary. There was a discussion on who is clearing the stream banks and would Spring Valley Creek be part of this program as it is very tree choked. H. Pulliam asked should we be talking to someone about this stream, A. Elkins said he would ask the Green County Soil and Conservationist contact. H. Pulliam moved to send the Voegli letter, 2nd D. Emmerton. Motion Carried. A. Elkins motioned to send the New Glarus Brewery letter, 2nd D. Emmerton. Motion Carried. Letters will include the mowed path example and trail map.

9. Discuss and consider Pool Scholarship program:

C. Narveson reported that the Town Board felt that the program could create a negative push back with selective residents getting the benefit. Also there was discussion that if not all were applied for, as proposed plan states, and then one family would get more than others. The pros and cons of the program were discussed and it was decided that any not awarded would carry over to the next year. C. Narveson brought forward the Town Chair's concern about an intergovernmental payment without agreement and that the Town's Attorney was to submit a written opinion. The information from the Towns Association Attorney was discussed and it was decided to specify what happens when two people tie in criteria. The commission decided the scholarship would be based on first in application. It was decided that the Deputy Clerk and C. Narveson will create a resolution outlining the program and C. Narveson will take it to the board in July. H. Pulliam volunteered to be at the July board meeting to support the program to the

board.

10. Discuss and consider Impact fees memo:

C. Narveson discussed the time frame for the monies to be spent. The trails money and park improvement monies were discussed and they will develop projects to begin spending this in 2015.

11. Discuss and consider Ice Rink:

C. Narveson feels that joint project with the village is not going to be possible. He suggests because we have had multiple people come to the group and talk about a desire for improved tennis courts, that monies could be used for a joint tennis court/ice rink. The school owns the tennis courts and this could be a joint project with them. He has seen the one in Cross Plains where it is flooded in the winter, it has a concrete base with pockets for supports for rink sides and there is a lip on the edges to contain the water for ice. The school's tennis court is in disrepair and we could propose monetary assistance for repairs and adaption to a rink. It was discussed that impact fees and sinking funds could be allocated for the upgrade. The location already has lights, seating and parking. C. Narveson feels that a private group would be needed to take care of the rink and work through the implementation. A. Elkins suggested a hockey group could be the organization. C. Narveson asked that commission members accompany him to the school board meeting. S. McCallum will inquire about getting the commission on the agenda for the school board.

12. Schedule Next Meeting and Set Agenda: July 17- 7:15pm, 6:30 for joint meeting, S. McCallum will contact the village regarding change of meeting date from July 10. Agenda: review progress on bird blinds, park boundaries visits, park clean up, Dave Engells, trail easement response, impact fee memo and sinking fund, pool scholarship program, school joint project update and general BBRC discussion. Joint meeting agenda: the members will email to determine joint agenda; dog park-grant update, trails process/bridge behind Roy's, response from letter to editor- donated land, present the fact that they are looking for alternatives for ice rink.

13. Adjourn: C. Reis moved to adjourn at 9:30 pm, 2nd by H. Pulliam. Motion carried.

Minutes created from notes by C. Narveson and recording beginning at 8:30pm