

**TOWN OF NEW GLARUS
PARKS COMMISSION MEETING
JULY 17, 2014
MINUTES**

ATTENDING: Andy Elkins, Dana Emmerton, Chris Reis and Harry Pulliam.

ABSENT: Pete Raskovic, Chris Narveson

ALSO ATTENDING:

CALL TO ORDER: A. Elkins called the meeting to order at 7:51p.m.

AGENDA:

1. Proof of Posting: A. Elkins attested that the Deputy Clerk has properly posted.
2. Discuss and consider June 19, 2014 minutes:
H. Pulliam moved to approve the June 19 minutes, 2nd D. Emmerton. Motion carried.
3. Public Comments: None.
4. Discuss and Consider presentation by Eagle Scout regarding installation of Bird Blinds:
H. Pulliam said A. Newberry was planning to be hear but is away, he asked H. Pulliam to make the presentation who handed out the sketches. A. Elkins said the 8" depth to set the posts would not be enough for the weight of the blinds. He suggested 3' for frost depth, but he also realizes there might be rock issues preventing that depth. A. Elkins asked if he has identified placement locations. H. Pulliam said he brought the scout to the Town offices and identified the Deputy Clerk as the contact person for additional supplies. He also met with him and the Audubon Society member. The pre-constructed panels did not match with any of the plans the commission had reviewed, the lumber yard said they did not get any actual plans. The scout will have to deconstruct and use for something else. They used drywall screws which need to be removed because they will not last, he directed him to purchase hot dipped galvanized screws. He will be constructing at his grandfather's shop, he also called the Town Patrolman and he will transport to the location. He told him that if needs help or has questions to call him. All three went to the BBRC and identified the best location which is beyond the big trees just to the very south edge of them under the canopy of the southernmost tree, with one seat facing south and one north.
5. Update: Trail easement response: None known of. Discussion continued regarding personal contacts and C. Narveson doing those.
6. Update: pool scholarship program, resolution: The commission reviewed the resolution adopting the program to be presented at the board meeting on July 22. D. Emmerton wondered what to do about the program as the swimming season is almost over and there has not been any advertisement for the program. A. Elkins suggested noting that the commission approves the language in the resolution.
7. Update: joint school project: After the Deputy Clerk contacted the School Superintendent, she replied that this item could be on the September 8 School Board meeting agenda. It was decided that a commission member(s) attend a meeting with the School Superintendent to provide her with more information regarding the project.

8. Discussion regarding impact fees: A. Elkins said these funds could be used for a joint project with the school. This project would need to be researched for costs.
9. Discuss and consider BBRC activities:
 - a. Boundary marking. D. Emmerton said she was approached by a local Windmill resident who was upset about the park activity and any promotion of use. She felt the boundaries need to be identified due to this type of residents' issues. There was general discussion regarding approach and the resident's information.
 - b. Clean up of tree cutting debris, large logs. Members looked at pictures of the remaining log debris and H. Pulliam described the large piles overgrown this summer. He said there are about 100 small diameter logs remaining after the wood turners removed very large logs with a trailer. He also suggested using impact fees to purchase a correct mower for the sumac. A. Elkins said that the TPE said if you hit it hard in spring and fall it depletes its' strength and will reduce the spread. D. Emmerton suggested scout activity burning some of the brush at different times. Add this item to the next agenda item.
 - c. Park hours. H. Pulliam suggested contacting a town resident to produce a sign. With the hours being dawn to dusk.
 - d. General park issues and approve additional expense of \$27.66 for supplies for sign maintenance. D. Emmerton updated the progress on the sign in the past week, with the first coats of stain and paint. She will view the progress. A. Elkins moved to approve \$27.66 in supplies expenditure, 2nd by H. Pulliam. Motion carried.
10. Discuss and consider Ice Rink: Pictures of a multi-use tennis court/ice rink were reviewed. D. Emmerton suggested using the pictures at a meeting with the School Board with costs of the project and who would do the work. A. Elkins will contact the person interested in supporting an ice rink and see if he is aware of a contractor.
11. Discuss and consider expenditure to update Trout Stream Map: It was decided to bring this up at the next meeting for clarification. It was suggested if we go forward that an electronic file be created for future use.
12. Schedule Next Meeting and Set Agenda: Thursday, August 28, 7:15pm. Updating trout stream map, fall workshop, burning of brush by scouts, BBRC hours sign and sign update, meeting with school superintendent and school board, bird blind installation update, BBRC boundary marking –appearance by Girl Scout, mower and use of impact fees.
13. Adjourn: A. Elkins moved to adjourn at 8:25 pm, 2nd by D. Emmerton. Motion carried.