

**TOWN OF NEW GLARUS
PARKS COMMISSION MEETING
FEBRUARY 11, 2015
MINUTES**

ATTENDING: Chris Narveson, Dana Emmerton, Chris Reis, Harry Pulliam and Susan McCallum, Deputy Clerk.

ABSENT: Andy Elkins

ALSO ATTENDING: Andrew Emmerton

CALL TO ORDER: C. Narveson called the meeting to order at 8:25 p.m.

AGENDA:

1. Proof of Posting: S. McCallum attested that the agenda was properly posted.
2. Discuss and consider December 10, 2014 minutes:
H. Pulliam moved to approve the December 10, 2014 minutes, 2nd D. Emmerton.
Motion carried.
3. Public Comments: C. Narveson presented information from the Town Board meeting in regards to the New Town Hall location. He stated that the hall was filled with residents. There were questions regarding why this project is being proposed. The Board used all the Parks Impact Fee monies- Parks Improvements \$9,065 and Community Park Land Acquisition \$3,169 and stated that the commission could use the triangular corner at Railroad and 5th Ave. for their park. S. McCallum suggested that the Parks Commission utilize the entire lot for park/nature enhancements. C. Narveson also informed the group that the board used half of the \$51,000 in the Town Hall/Town Park's sinking fund. There was general discussion regarding future park area plans, it was decided to contact a future resident landscape architect whom has purchased land in the town to assist with the plans. S. McCallum will make contact with this person. General concepts and ideas were discussed.
4. Discuss 2015 projects:
 - a. Town Recreation Map, Green Cty Land & Water Conservation.
S. McCallum presented the four choices of map types from the developer. The original choice, which was selected from email distribution, was Option B-gold, which was the easiest to identify the uses and the colors and symbols in the legend. It was requested to expand into a box the East side of the village due to a lot of identifiers in that area that are difficult to see clearly and the whole map a lighter shade of gold. The members reviewed the emails from C. Newberry and the updated final map. There was consensus to approve this version. S. McCallum said that the cost is not the full \$500 that was approved for payment and check issued. There is not a credit option it was decided to ask for add ones or smaller maps for distribution to increase the total value to the expenditure amount. D. Emmerton moved to approve the new enhanced Option B which we are designating as Option E, 2nd by H. Pulliam. Motion carried.
 - b. Trails.
C. Narveson stated that the remaining sinking funds can be used for Parks projects. H. Pulliam said we will need funds for seeding at BBRC.
 - c. Spring Workshop

H. Pulliam moved to pay the Green County Treasurer's bill for labels of \$14.82, 2nd by D. Emmerton. Motion carried. There was discussion regarding the workshop, it was decided to do a program on Bees. D. Emmerton is attending a seminar in Monroe on bees and H. Pulliam knows bee keepers. It was decided to hold the workshop in the Town Hall due to spring's inclement weather and cool temperatures. In addition host the tree workshop, S. McCallum will need to find out who has replaced the former contact at the

5. Discuss and consider:

a. Update from Girl Scout regarding signs at BBRC including expenditure (s).

S. McCallum informed the group that the Girl Scout who is working on this project has to complete two other projects, according to the scout process, before she can continue work on the signs.

6. Discuss and consider Tree Sales Program, tree purchase(s) payment(s):

Without objection the Commission approved moving this item up on the agenda.

S. McCallum handed out a spreadsheet of the current pre-orders and the availability and pricing from Green County and Schumachers. Discussion included pricing and size of types, shipping dates, minimum orders per type/vendor, ordering deadlines, payment requirements and previous orders/sales. C. Narveson felt that the orders last year were 25% over what was needed/sold. C. Reis and D. Emmerton felt that the white pines are very commonly available locally and maybe we should not order as many for this year's order. The previous year's pre-orders and sales were reviewed, Commission members felt there were quite a few but not a lot left over as a percentage of the total order size. There were two tree sales dates in 2014 and the commission consensus was it is better to run out than have trees left. It was decided to order 200 white pines from Green County. The Quaking Aspens and Shagbark Hickory are new this year; it was decided to order 75 Aspens from Schumachers and 60 Hickories from Green County. It was decided to order 150 Sugar Maples from Schumachers being they are the same size but less expensive, this was a popular variety last year. The Tamarack is also new this year; it was decided to order 100 from Green County. The Burr Oak is also new, the oaks selected last year were not good sellers, and the order would include 20 trees for BBRC to replace the trees cut on the northern border, ordering 70 from Schumachers. In addition to the cost of trees Schumachers adds shipping to any order, last year it was \$86.50. It was discussed that A. Elkins must have gone to Green County to pick up those trees; H. Pulliam volunteered to pick up this year's order. C. Reis moved to spend up to \$450.00 for Schumachers and \$720.00 for Green County Conservation for trees for the 2015 Tree Program, 2nd by D. Emmerton. Motion carried.

We received an inquiry regarding interest as a commission member through a tree order. S. McCallum contacted them with this meeting date and invited them to attend. She will continue to invite them and let them know the commission plans.

7. Schedule Next Meeting and Set Agenda: C. Narveson asked a commission member to take the Chair of the group for a minimum of one year because he is no longer able to commit the time needed for chair but would remain on the commission. C. Reis moved to appoint H. Pulliam chair to begin at the March meeting, 2nd by D. Emmerton. Roll call, motion carried unanimously. This will be added to the agenda. Next meeting is Wednesday, March 11, 7pm. It is tentative to regularly schedule the meetings on the 2nd or 3rd Wednesday. Items for agenda: trails, spring workshop program, tree sales date and process, gardens at the new Town Hall.

8. Adjourn: C. Reis moved to adjourn at 9:35 pm, 2nd by D. Emmerton. Motion carried.