

**TOWN OF NEW GLARUS
PARKS COMMISSION MEETING
FEBRUARY 25, 2016
MINUTES**

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

ALSO ATTENDING:

CALL TO ORDER: H. Pulliam called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

- 1) Proof of Posting: S. McCallum attested to proper posting.
- 2) Discuss and Consider January 26, 2016 minutes: A. Elkins moved to approve the January 26, 2016 minutes, 2nd D. Emmerton. Motion carried.
- 3) Public Comments: None.
- 4) Update on Ice Rink Installation: The damaged rink has been fixed.
- 5) Discuss and Consider Schumacher Tree Orders: Tree cost came to \$340.00 plus shipping. C. Narveson moved to approve up to \$400 which will include shipping, 2nd A. Elkins. Motion Carried.

A. Elkins said that the best time for the Boy Scouts to distribute and have the sale is April 30 or May 7. The tree order from Schumacher's is estimated to arrive April 25. Elkins wondered if they could be delivered to his house. S. McCallum suggested that he call Schumacher's directly to arrange delivery. Without objection, the tree sale and distribution will be held at the new Town Hall on April 30th from 9 a.m. - Noon.

- 6) Discuss and Consider Spring Workshop: S. McCallum drafted a sample workshop flier with the new types of trees/bushes and emailed to A. Elkins for completion. The group discussed advertising the extra tree sales in a press release, flier or send a flier home with school children. A. Elkins will check with the school, but estimated about 125 students at the elementary school. After a brief discussion, the group decided to hold a tree presentation and a prairie restoration workshop at the Blue Bird Ridge Conservancy on Saturday, May 14 from 3:30 p.m. until 6 p.m. The program will include a discussion on prairie restoration, broadcasting the purchased seeds and will be followed by camp fires to burn the older debris piles. Chips and Hot dogs will be served. Without objection a flier will be made to be posted around the Village and sent home with school children. A press release will also be sent to the Post Messenger. The cost of a mass mailing will be saved for the fall event. A. Elkins will contact Tom Mitchell from TPE and H. Pulliam will contact Steve Fabos. A. Elkins will contact the school for printing the fliers and will send an article to the local paper. A. Elkins moved to approve spending up to \$100 to have the school print the flier, C. Narveson 2nd. Motion carried.

This discussion will be on the next month's agenda and a motion for food.

- 7) Discuss and Consider Roy's Market Invoice in the amount of \$4.90: C. Narveson moved to pay the invoice, A. Elkins 2nd. Motion carried.
- 8) Review Remaining 2015 Monies to be Transferred to Town Parks and/or Town Trails Sinking fund: Postpone until next meeting as data was not available.
- 9) Discuss and Consider Trail Grants and 2016 Action Plan: A. Elkins said he will speak to the land owners of property along bike path and the NW corner of 6th Avenue and Hwy 69. He had spoken

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with the realtor listing the property and it has been for sale for 10-15 years. H. Pulliam said looking at the grant paperwork, they are due May 1, so we could not meet that timeline. Discussion included leasing of the land perhaps for the cost of taxes - \$1,463. D. Emmerton suggested we include a first right of refusal, because if we improve it then they may be able to sell it easier. It was decided that A. Elkins will contact the realtor and find out if the contamination has been remediated, if it is then talk to owners about possible plans. This will be put on the next agenda for more discussion and put on March Town Board agenda for presentation and discussion.

- 10) Update on BBRC Work: H. Pulliam checked two weeks ago on the project. At that time, the project was about half way completed. Pulliam felt he was doing a good job. The restoration person advised not to plant for at least one year, so they can treat items that will propagate.
- 11) Discuss Landscaping Plans for New Town Hall with Master Gardeners: Mike Davis dropped off a landscaping plan which was reviewed by the group. Due to the small space, it will be necessary to ask for consideration from the Village's Ordinance as we will not be able to meet their points system. A. Elkins said he would want to keep the pine trees that are indicated to be removed and all agreed that they should be preserved. A. Elkins moved to recommend approving the plans without the removal of the pine trees and present it to the Town Board for final consideration. D. Emmerton 2nd. Motion carried.
- 12) Discuss and Consider Green County Barn Inventory Project: S. McCallum informed the group that there will be a training session at the Monroe Library this Saturday, February 27, beginning at 10 a.m.. There was discussion regarding asking an older resident in the town to do this activity.
- 13) Dog Park Update: There has not been any communication from the friends group nor the Village. No action taken.
- 14) Schedule Next Meeting: Without objection, the next meeting was scheduled for, Thursday March 24 at 7 p.m.
- 15) Adjourn: H. Pulliam moved to adjourn at 8:45pm, 2nd by D. Emmerton. Motion carried.