

OFFICE OF
Town of New Glarus
PARKS COMMISSION MEETING
THURSDAY, AUGUST 18, 2016
AGENDA

ATTENDING: Harry Pulliam, Chris Narveson, Andy Elkins, Dana Emmerton, and
Maegan Roesslein – Deputy Clerk

ALSO ATTENDING: Rita Mahoney, Chad Fahey, Dale Emmerton, and Dan Ziehli

1) Call to Order

- a. H. Pulliam called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

2) Proof of Posting

- a. M. Roesslein attested to proper posting.

3) Discuss and Consider July 13, 2016 Minutes

- a. A. Elkins moved to approve the July 13, 2016 minutes as presented. D. Emmerton 2nd. Motion carried.

4) Public Comments

- a. None.

5) Budget Update

- a. Add to next meeting agenda.

1. Dan Ziehli Beekeeping Club Presentation

- a. Dan Ziehli stated there is a high concentration of bee keepers in the New Glarus area, because of this he would like to start a Beekeeping Club to help him keep track of beekeepers in our area. This club would be a mentoring program. They would hold classes and bring in speakers. Dan Ziehli is in need of some help/a sponsor to get this club started. C. Narveson stated he thinks it would be a great parks sub-committee, and the club could potentially use our conference room as a meeting space. D. Emmerton suggested putting information about the Beekeeping Club on our flyer. C. Narveson mentioned we could also put an ad in the newspaper and have one ran on WEKZ.
 - i. C. Narveson moved to start a Beekeeping Club. D. Emmerton 2nd. Motion carried.

6) Town Hall Signs Update

- a. H. Pulliam stated the sign is up and looks great and M. Roesslein mentioned Ron Roesslein will be putting the canton up when he starts his full time position.

7) Discuss/Consider Charlie's Bark Park

- a. Chad Fahey would like to get the community motivated again on the idea of having a dog park and is wondering where we are on the subject. H. Pulliam stated we have not gotten anywhere on the subject and suggested Chad Fahey pitches the idea again at one of the village meetings. Also, we need to figure out funding situations. It was suggested Chad Fahey speaks to some of the community members that were at the last dog park meeting he spoke at, and have them begin to create some sort of structure for this project.

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8) Discuss/Consider Pioneer Road Brush/Shrub Replacement Letter

- a. M. Roesslein stated the letter is not finished yet, but it will be ready for review by September.

9) Discuss/Consider Town Hall Landscape

- a. Rita Mahoney stated one of her passions is gardening and she is inviting the Parks Commission to visit her home so we can see her gardening. This could help the Parks Commission decide on plants for the Town Hall and they would be able to see what the plants would look like in years to come. She stated Leatrice, Japanese Anemone, Turtle Head, Sedum, Flock, Peonies, and Day Lilies are all good options and suggested Mike Davis would be a good guy to ask what type of soil is best to use. She also suggested The Flower Factory outside of Madison as a good place to purchase Perennials. D. Emmerton asked Rita Mahoney if she would like to be a part of the project, and Rita said possibly. D. Emmerton will visit Rita Mahoney to see her gardening.

10) Discuss/Consider Water Workshop

- a. M. Roesslein will contact Victoria Soloman to schedule June 27, 2017 as our lab date, and begin to set up marketing materials.

11) Discuss/Consider Possible Grants

- a. C. Narveson stated he spoke with our engineer and he said to keep looking for grants. We also have money we need to spend, otherwise we will lose it.

12) Blue Bird Ridge Signs Update

- a. H. Pulliam stated he found t-posts in New Glarus. Ron Roesslein will be putting the signs up and should use aluminum or stainless steel nuts and bolts.

13) Indigenous Restorations Update

- a. H. Pulliam stated he has no update on this, but he will keep calling Tom Mitchell to find out when to burn.

14) Schedule Next Meeting and Agenda Items

- a. Without objection, the next meeting was scheduled for September 15, 2017 at 7:00pm.
- b. Agenda Items
 - A. Budget
 - B. Shrub/Brush Replacement Letter
 - C. Beekeeping Club
 - D. Town Hall Landscape
 - E. Water Workshop
 - F. Possible Grants
 - G. Indigenous Restorations

15) Adjourn

- a. C. Narveson moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:10pm. D. Emmerton 2nd. Motion carried. Meeting closed at 9:10pm.