

**TOWN OF NEW GLARUS**  
**PARK COMMISSION MEETING**  
**17 April 2024, 4:30 PM AGENDA**

**Attending:** Harry Pulliam, Mark Pernitz, Jason Neton, Rose Pertzborn, Kelly Ruschman, Chris Narveson

**Absent:** Mona Sue French

**Also attending:** Nancy Streiff, Town Deputy Treasurer; Sultana Shanaz Shahidain; Ashley Haffner; Frank Grenzow; Olivia Stramara, Vierbicher

1. **Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order by Chair Pulliam at 4:34 pm.
2. **Proof of Posting.** Streiff attested to proof of posting.
3. **Approve Minutes from March 20, 2024.** Motion to approve the minutes of March 20, 2024 by Neton, second by Ruschman, motion approved.
4. **Public Comments.** None
5. **Presentation by Vierbicher: Community Park Concept Plan #1.**  
Stramara led a discussion of the Concept Plan #1 that was part of the meeting packet.  
Stramara needs feedback from the Commission members on changes they would like to see in Concept Plan #2. In addition, she needs to know when the Commission members would like to walk-through Concept Plan #2 in the first part of May.
6. **Discuss and Consider Posting Signs at Town Park, Prohibiting Hunting and Trapping.**  
There was discussion regarding having the signs installed at the entrance and around the perimeter of the park roughly spacing them about 300 feet apart. In the future, it was suggested that signs could mark the boundaries and provide a link to the website which could provide them with additional information such as park rules.  
Neton made a motion to purchase and install 12 no hunting/trapping signs, and second by Ruschman, motion approved.
7. **Discuss and Consider Posting Signs at Town Park, Prohibiting Pets on or off Leash.**  
After discussion, the Commission decided to wait to post signs regarding rules regarding allowing pets to be on or off leash. Posting signs of this nature could give the public the false impression that the park is open, and it is not. The Park Commission members decided to wait on this issue.
8. **Update on Decision by Town Board re: Grant for Trail along Hwy 39 – Narveson**  
There are no updates on this issue. The deadline to complete the trail is approaching so if we can't get the necessary easements, we will have to turn down the DNR grant and consider building the trail at a later time.
9. **Discuss and Consider Invasives Removal and Seeding at Blue Bird Ridge.**  
Pulliam discussed the recommendation by Steve Fabos 10/18/23 email on work required at Blue Bird Ridge Conservancy to remove all woody invasives for \$5,400. This includes the cost to cut and treat each stump as well as to pile and burn. Fall/Winter 2023/2024. Foliar spray sumac and areas of Gray Dogwood in the Summer of 2024 for \$1200. Since these costs are a large part of the Parks Commission budget, Neton will talk to Fabos to prioritize tasks and the cost.  
Other ideas included using volunteers to reduce the cost of the work. It is questionable as to whether the effort to remove sumac will be worthwhile since there is a large amount of sumac

on the adjacent property.

10. **Discuss and Consider Applying for Grant from Southwest Badger Natural Resource Conservation Fund (Due Sept. 15, 2024).**  
The Parks Commission members will review and talk about this at the May meeting.
11. **Discuss Tree Availability and Delivery.**  
Pulliam reported that the trees should be available very soon.
12. **Update on Scouts and High School Students Helping Sort Trees for Delivery – Narveson and Rushman.**  
Rushman talked to both groups, but they need to know an exact date.
13. **Update on Outreach to 4-H Clubs**  
The 4-H clubs are very interested in helping, but they need to know when they would be needed.
14. **Discuss and Consider Possible Revisions to Ordinance 2023-01 Codifying the Town of New Glarus Park Commission.**  
No work done on this.
15. **Discuss and Consider Offering Electronics Recycling Event.**  
The Parks Commission members decided to wait until fall to discuss this.
16. **Schedule Next Meeting, May 15, 2024, at 6:00 PM.**
17. **Adjourn** - Motion to adjourn by Pernitz, second by Ruschman, motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 5:56 pm.

Approved: May 15, 2024

Minutes prepared by Streiff