

PARK COMMISSION MEETING

May 15, 2024

Minutes

Attending: Harry Pulliam (Chair), Mark Pernitz, Rose Pertzborn, Kelly Ruschman, Chris Narveson, and Mona Sue French

Absent: Jason Neton

Also attending: Nancy Streiff, Deputy Treasurer; Ashley Haffner: Town of New Glarus resident; and Olivia Stramara: Vierbicher

1. **Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order by Chair Pulliam at 6:02 pm.
2. **Proof of Posting** – Streiff attested to proof of posting.
3. **Approve Minutes from April 17, 2024** – Motion to approve the minutes of April 17, 2024, by Ruschmann, second by Narveson, motion approved.
4. **Public Comments** – None.
5. **Discuss May 11 Walkabout at Town Park** – See item 7 below.
6. **Discuss Green County Leaders Project Report** – the report was contained in the packet but not discussed.
7. **Presentation of Concept Plan 2 by Olivia Stramara of Vierbicher** – Stramara reviewed Concept Plan 2 that includes woodland restoration south of the proposed Town Hall area, possible location of residential cluster lots, the need to delineate private versus public space, and adding a small parking lot near the orchard. Stramara will prepare Concept Plan 3 in time for the June Town board meeting.
8. **Discuss and Consider Posting Signs at Town Park, Prohibiting Hunting and Trapping** – Pernitz reported that signs stating “No Hunting No Trapping” are only available as a custom sign at prohibitive prices. “No Hunting” signs are readily available. There is no current urgency in posting signs. The property boundaries need to be surveyed and staked.
The Park Commission members present gave Haffner permission to spray 2-4-D to kill poison hemlock both on the Town side of the property as well as the Haffner side.
9. **Update on Prairie Restoration at Town Park** – Ruschman mentioned that Elliot Buol, the farmer who leases a portion of the Town property, needs to know what the Town’s prairie restoration plan is so he can create a crop rotation plan for the next 2-3 years. The prairie restoration committee will prepare this.
10. **Update on Decision by Town Board re: Grant for Trail along Hwy 39** – No update.
11. **Discuss and Consider Invasives Removal and Seeding at Bluebird Ridge** – Deferred until June due to Neton’s absence.
12. **Discuss and Consider Applying for Grant from Southwest Badger Natural Resource Conservation Fund** (Due Sept. 15, 2024) – Pulliam and Pertzborn will work on preparing the grant application. Ruschmann offered to help.
13. **Review Results of Tree Sale and Update Procedures** – Town residents liked having the trees delivered. It was recommended that perhaps a few extra trees should be ordered next year because it is very difficult to confirm the number of trees included in each bundle.
14. **Discuss and Consider Possible Revisions to Ordinance 2023-01 Codifying the Town of New Glarus Park Commission** – No update.
15. **Schedule Next Meeting**, June 19, 2024, at 6:00 pm.
16. **Adjourn** – Motion to adjourn by Ruschman, second by Pernitz, motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:26 pm.

Approved: June 19, 2024

Minutes prepared by Streiff