

PARK COMMISSION MEETING
June 19, 2024
Minutes

Attending: Harry Pulliam (Chair), Mark Pernitz, Rose Pertzborn, Chris Narveson, Jason Neton (arrived 6:05).

Absent: Mona Sue French, Kelly Ruschman.

Also attending: Sara Beth Hahner, Deputy Clerk; Ashley Haffner: Town of New Glarus resident, Frank Grenzow: Town of New Glarus resident, Olivia Stramara: Vierbicher, Tim Schleeper: Vierbicher.

1. **Call to Order** – Chair Pulliam called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.
2. **Proof of Posting** – Deputy Clerk Hahner attested to proper proof of posting.
3. **Approve Minutes from May 15, 2024** – Motion to approve the minutes of May 15, 2024, as presented, was made by Narveson; seconded by Pertzborn. Motion carried 4-0.
4. **Public Comments** - None.

Comments from the Commission:

- Pulliam and Narveson stated they will not be submitting mileage expenses for tree sale deliveries.
- Narveson provided an update on the potential sale of the Town Hall, stating it could expedite the plan to build a new public works facility and Town Hall at the Town Park.
- Pulliam announced that the Park Commission’s Certificate of Deposit gained \$261, increasing the account balance to approximately \$20,500.

5. **Presentation of Concept Plan 3 by Olivia Stramara of Vierbicher** – Stramara stated that the final draft of Concept Plan 3 will be submitted to Clerk-Treasurer Wright by July 3, 2024, to be included in the meeting packet for consideration at the Town Board meeting on July 10, 2024. There followed a discussion about minor revisions within the plan. Motion to approve Concept Plan #3 with both options A and B, subject to Stramara’s revisions, and supplemental materials as discussed, including a redesignation of “Reforestation” in the northwest corner to “Prairie Restoration with an Oak Savannah,” was made by Pernitz; seconded by Neton. Motion carried 5-0. The Commission thanked Stramara for all the work put into the design.

6. **Update on Prairie Restoration at Town Park** – Neton stated discussions continue with the farmer regarding restoration and what is to be planted, phasing out crops, and phasing in restoration.

7. **Update on Decision by Town Board re: Grant for Trail along Hwy 39**— Narveson stated he was unable to get the necessary easements and the grant will be returned. The trail plan is on hold.

8. **Discuss and Consider Invasives Removal and Seeding at Bluebird Ridge**—Neton summarized his meeting with Steve Fabos of Indigenous Restorations and is reviewing what to

prioritize. There followed a discussion about what tasks could be completed by the Town Patrolman instead, such as mowing. Neton will ask Fabos for a breakout of tasks, estimates for each task, and will report back at the next meeting.

9. Update on Southwest Badger Natural Resource Conservation Fund Grant Application due Sept. 15, 2024 – No update.

10. Discuss and Consider Possible Revisions to Ordinance 2023-01 Codifying the Town of New Glarus Park Commission – No update.

11. Adjourn – Motion to adjourn by Pernitz; seconded by Neton. Meeting adjourned at 6:54 PM.

Approved: July 17, 2024

Prepared by Sara Beth Hahner, Deputy Clerk