

**Town of New Glarus
Park Commission Meeting Minutes**

Location: Chalet Landhaus Conference Room, 801 Wisconsin Hwy 69, New Glarus, WI,

Wednesday, September 17, 2025, 6:00 PM

MINUTES

Park Commission Members Attending: Harry Pulliam, Chris Narveson, Jason Neton, Kelly Ruschman, Mona Sue French, Rose Pertzborn, Deputy Clerk Kramer

Also Attending: Lynn Paron, Frank Grenzow Grace McLaughlin

1. The meeting was called to order by Harry Pulliam at 6:08 p.m.
2. Posting of the agenda was confirmed on 9/15/2025 by Deputy Clerk Kramer
3. Kelly Ruschman made a motion to approve the August 20, 2025, meeting minutes. Mona Sue French seconded the motion. (It was pointed out that the Shahnaz is misspelled but will be corrected.) All were in favor.
4. Public Comments: Mark Pernitz told the group that Knowles Nelson grant is due in spring, possibly May 1st. An application may be started for prairie restoration. (acquisition & development) Not sure of how the grant is set up, but we can assume about \$8,000 could be matched for a total of \$16,000. The application should be filed for as many years as we can. This could get an ongoing revenue stream of income. Discussion of grants continued.
5. The Prairie Restoration at Legacy Prairie Park was discussed. Maps of potential prairie were discussed. These areas will be sprayed. There will be an access road that will hopefully get done. There will be a trail alongside the access road. More trails were discussed. There was also discussion about pulling out more trees and brush. The rocks can be moved when the garage is started. Some like the rocks.
6. Condition of existing walking trails was discussed. The track coach would like to see the trails in limestone which is much nicer to walk on. Chris Narveson thought they should cover the whole gravel trail with this. Chris Narveson will meet with Voegeli Landscaping about the trails.
7. Preparation of the trails for the cross country meet and parking area was discussed. The decision was made to wait a year for the grass to develop. The trails were rough and had some rocks. Perhaps kids could pick up rocks and possibly have a cookout with a bonfire making it a community event. Parking areas was also discussed. It will not be paved much later.
8. Ron Roesslien will be removing trees from around the orchard in October. He will also use the brush hog to push trees back. Let's find out when he can start on the trees. Area of what will be prairie will need to be assessed for how much seed is needed. There is still some seed left over from last year. A plan is needed to use up the money in our budget.
9. Ed Klitzke would like to donate a bridge to the park. Discussion about the bridge continued.
10. Harry and Grace will investigate more grants.
11. The orchard was discussed. There is no one to do the work.
12. \$7,076.24 is available in the 2025 budget. Deputy Clerk added up where we sit on the trail grant expenditures. Invoices currently total \$83,203.57. Chris Narveson will set up a time for Cheryl Hoesley from the DNR to tour the park in Mid to late October.
13. Signage for the trails was discussed. The group will put together trail name suggestions. In particular, no motorized vehicle signs.
14. The next meeting will be October 15, 2025 at 6pm at the Chalet Landhaus Conference Room.
15. Mark Pernitz made a motion to adjourn at 7:47 p.m. Mona Sue French seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Treasurer, Margo A. McMicken

Approved 10-15-2025