

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

Wednesday, May 20, 2026, 6:00 PM

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

Park Commission Members in Attendance: Harry Pulliam, Chris Narveson, Kelly Ruschman, Jason Neton, Mark Pernitz, Mona Sue French, Rose Pertzborn, Clerk Darla Kramer

Others in attendance: Lynn Paron and Willa Aldstadt

1. The meeting was called to order by Mark Pernitz at 06:03 PM.
2. Clerk Darla Kramer attested to the Proof of Posting on 05-18-2026 at the Town Garage, the Bank of New Glarus, and the New Glarus Post Office. Posted to the website 05-18-2026.
3. Motion made by Mona Sue French to approve minutes from 03-18-2026. Seconded by Jason Neton. All were in favor. Motion carried.
4. No public comments – Willa Aldstadt presented they are looking for a location to do a human banner. She is a member of Liberty Bell Group promoting democracy. Green County stands up for democracy. Need a location that handles 300 to 1000 for a good sign. Thinking of having this event in October before voting in November. Would need restrooms and parking to accommodate a large crowd. The group is also reaching out to civic teachers at high schools to get youth involved.

The Park Commission met and planted twenty-three donated oak trees at Legacy Park and four maples. Pictures are on The Town of New Glarus website.

5. 2026 Projects at Legacy Park – Mr. Klitzke is working on trails adding dirt and seed. The committee will continue to work on seeding trails. Would like to roll the trails this summer, so they have a good start towards next spring. Will meet with Dennis, look at the trails, and see where they need work. The commission would like to get trails ready for cross country to use as practice this year. Will concentrate on improving trails they would like first. Jason will speak with Quercus and have them complete invasive removal.
6. Discussion Regarding Signage at Legacy Park – Mark Pernitz is getting set up as a representative for the township. He will get approval to purchase signs from the correctional institute for the park.
7. They have not been able to set a date to meet Fabos at BBRC for recommendations needed for work at the park.

8. Friends of New Glarus Parks – The committee presented a rough draft for Articles of Incorporation for a 501(c)(3). A corporation or LLC is a legal entity. The 501(c)(3) would allow the organization to accept donations and they would be tax exempt. By setting up as a corporation, individuals are not responsible. Further discussion will be had, regarding how many board members they would like to see and direction they would like to go. Jason Neton will look into what other organizations have done.
9. Conservation Easement – In early discussion about protecting the park. A third party would oversee the park, possibly the 501(c)(3) board.
10. Discussion had regarding meeting agendas. It was determined that the clerk should be notified at least a week in advance if they have items for the agenda or topics of interest for a meeting.
11. Rose Pertzborn's term will be ending June 30th on the Park Commission. There will be an opening on the committee. No need to change the current ordinance, as the committee will remain at 7 citizen members appointed by the Chairperson and confirmed by the Town Board.
12. Legacy Park Grant – All documents have been submitted to the DNR for reimbursement on the \$45,000 grant. We are waiting for review and will provide any additional information needed.
13. Meeting spaces – Starting June 1st all future meetings will be at the old town garage, 200 Railroad Street, until the new town garage is complete.
14. Motion to adjourn at 7:45 PM made by Mark Pernitz and seconded by Kelly Ruschman. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Submitted by: Clerk Treasurer Darla Kramer

Approved 06-17-2026