

**VILLAGE OF NEW GLARUS
PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE
8/9/23 6:00 P.M.
Village Hall Board Room
319 2nd Street New Glarus, WI**

AGENDA:

1. Call to order
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Public Comment Period
4. Approval of 7.12.23 Minutes
5. Monthly Parks & Recreation Report
6. Consideration/Discussion: Hoesly Pond
7. Consideration/Discussion: Ballfield Equipment Maintenance & Security
8. Consideration/Discussion: Glarner Park Electrical & Water Fountain
9. Consideration/Discussion: Capital Project Prioritization
10. Adjournment

Chuck Phillipson, Chair Parks & Recreation Committee

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Kelsey A. Jenson, Clerk

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Village of New Glarus
Parks and Recreation Meeting Minutes
July 12, 2023 - 6:00 PM

MEETING CALL TO ORDER: Chair Chuck Phillipson called meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

PRESENT: Chuck Phillipson, Mike Marty, and Larry Stuessy

ALSO PRESENT: Village Administrator Lauren Freeman, Public Works Director Joe Cockroft, Parks & Recreation Director Chris Rear, Shannon Roznoski, Bekah Stauffacher

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Larry Stuessy to approve agenda, seconded by Mike Marty. Motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: No public comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM 6.14.23: Motion by Larry Stuessy to approve minutes, seconded by Mike Marty. Motion carried 3-0.

MONTHLY PARKS & RECREATION REPORT:

Public Works Director Joe Cockroft and Parks & Recreation Director Chris Rear provided an update to the committee.

CONSIDERATION/DISCUSSION: Kruse Property- Proposal for Possible Village Parkland:

Shannon Roznoski provided a presentation to the Village Board about the Kruse Property and her interest in purchasing the property and selling it to the Village for future parkland. No action was taken.

CONSIDERATION/DISCUSSION: Parks & Recreation Director Position:

Village Administrator Freeman provided a memo to the Committee that outlined the current duties of the Parks & Recreation Director position. The Committee asked that staff meet and further define park and pool responsibilities. No action was taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:43 PM.

-Lauren Freeman
Village Administrator

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ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

To: Parks & Recreation Committee
From: Lauren Freeman, Village Administrator
Date: August 9, 2023
Re: Hoesly Pond Dredging

Background:

The local FFA organization has expressed interest in dredging Hoesly Pond. The Parks & Recreation Committee requested Village staff reach out to the Village Engineer at Strand Associates to get more information on what the process would look like.

Hoesly Pond was last dredged in 2011, with some rip-rap work completed at the time.

Discussion:

Jon Lindert at Strand Associates provided the following comments:

- **Dredging Need:** It appears that this pond is off-line from drainage other than the vegetated areas surrounding it. In that regard, it seems that this pond would have little incoming flows and sediment that would fill the pond. With the last dredging of the pond appearing to be in 2011 (12 years ago), it begs the question of if there is an actual need for dredging at this time. Strand was not involved with the work completed in 2011. With the drought of the late-spring and summer of 2023, I have witnessed many ponds that have almost completely dried out which has exposed the “mud” bottom. The “mud” bottom may appear to be material that should be removed when actually it is just the bottom of the pond in a dry year.
- **Wetlands Permitting:** The WDNR Surface Water Data Viewer shows this pond as being in wetlands (PUBHx) and wetland indicator soils. The PUBHx designation is indicative of an excavated pond. It would be a good idea to contact the WDNR regarding any needed permits related to wetlands.
- **Dredging Permits:** The need for a dredging permit should be discussed with the WDNR.
- **Erosion Control Permits:** Because there would be greater than 1 acre of land disturbing construction activity (pond water surface is about 1.35 acres) a WDNR erosion control permit would be needed.
- **Sediment Sampling:** Many times we recommend that sediment sampling with lab analysis be performed as part of the process so that the contractor knows what they are

removing from the pond and any restrictions on its disposal. Because the drainage area getting to the pond appears to only be a grassed area, there doesn't appear to be a need for sediment sampling since the drainage area would have a low potential for "contaminated" runoff getting to the pond.

- After reviewing the above information, we feel it best that we have a follow-up discussion with the Village. Depending on the anticipated resources and how the local FFA organization would like to proceed, the range of costs for this project can be variable.

Recommendation:

Next steps could include further discussion with the Village Engineer to determine if dredging at Hoesly Pond is needed at this time. Moving forward with these discussions with the Engineer will likely incur costs, and the Village Board should approve that decision before moving forward. Further discussions with the FFA organization should also occur before moving forward.