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**VILLAGE OF NEW GLARUS  
PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE  
November 9, 2016**

Vice Chair Petra Streiff called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Present: Barb Anderson, Petra Streiff. Also present: Administrator Bryan Gadow and Parks Director Chris Rear.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Petra Streiff, second by Barb Anderson to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes of the 9/14/16 Meeting: Motion by Barb Anderson, second by Petra Streiff to approve the 9/14/16 minutes as presented. Motion carried.

General Discussion: Village Park Electrical System Improvements Project:

Milo Parker from the New Glarus Vision Art in the Park Committee indicated that there is community interest in upgrading the electrical system within Village Park, as it is used for a number of community events. Mr. Parker indicated that they have discussed the project with Clark Electric, and the upgrades would include changing the 100 amp service to a 300 amp service, and upgrading the electrical panel in the gazebo. He also indicated an upgrade to LED lights near the playground equipment. Mr. Parker noted that after the project, the Village would own the equipment. He stated that the New Glarus Vision group has applied for a community foundation grant and will continue to fundraise for the project. Motion by Barb Anderson, second by Petra Streiff to indicate that the Parks and Recreation Committee is ok with the New Glarus Vision group continuing to fundraise for the project. Motion carried.

Update: Park and Pool 2016 Annual Report: Director Chris Rear provides an update on the 2016 parks and pool season. He indicated that registrations were up 42 from the previous year.

Update/Discussion: Umpire Pay Adjustment for 2017: Director Chris Rear requested that line umpire pay be increased from \$15 to \$20 per game to match home plate umpire pay. He noted it would make scheduling of umpires easier. Motion by Petra Streiff, second by Barb Anderson to approve the adjustment in umpire pay for 2017. Motion carried.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Barb Anderson, second by Petra Streiff. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Bryan Gadow, Administrator

**VILLAGE OF NEW GLARUS  
PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE  
September 14, 2016**

Chair Greg Thoemke called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Present: Barb Anderson, Petra Streiff, and Greg Thoemke. Also present: Administrator Bryan Gadow.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Barb Anderson, second by Petra Streiff to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes of the 8/10/16 Meeting: Motion by Petra Streiff, second by Barb Anderson to approve the 8/10/16 minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Recommendation: Special Events Permit for Glenda Scott Walk/Run on 9/24/16: Motion by Barb Anderson, second by Petra Streiff to approve the Permit. Motion carried.

Discussion/Recommendation: Lawn Mowing Contract for 2017: Administrator Gadow noted that the Village currently has a contract with Wirth Lawn Care to mow and trim twenty public areas within the community on an as needed basis. The cost is fixed per mowing at \$590.00 for all twenty locations. Administrator Gadow stated the Wirth has offered both a one year and a three year contract at the same 2015 and 2016 prices of \$590.00. Administrator Gadow recommended acceptance of the three year contract to lock in the \$590.00 price for 2017-2019. Greg Thoemke asked staff to research if accepting a three year contract would meet state bidding rules. [Note: Per research with the League of Wisconsin Municipalities, the Village can accept a three year contract and meet state statutory requirements]. Greg Thoemke as suggested that park areas could be added or deleted as needed, if agreed to by both parties, with an adjustment to the contract price. Motion by Greg Thoemke to recommend acceptance of the three (3) year contract, contingent upon staff research, second by Barb Anderson. Motion carried.

Update: On-Line Interactive Green County Bike Map: Administrator Gadow provided an update on the potential project, noting he was in discussions with the Chamber about their interest, if it could incorporate a marketing component, and their willingness to contribute up to half of the initial cost (\$600). He noted that he needed to contact the Town regarding their potential interest in participating.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Barb Anderson, second by Petra Streiff. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Bryan Gadow, Administrator

**VILLAGE OF NEW GLARUS  
PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE  
August 10, 2016**

Chair Greg Thoemke called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Present: Barb Anderson, Petra Streiff, and Greg Thoemke. Also present: Administrator Bryan Gadow, Park and Recreation Director Chris Rear.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Petra Streiff, second by Barb Anderson to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes of the 7/13/16 Meeting: Motion by Petra Streiff, second by Barb Anderson to approve the 7/13/16 minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Recommendation: Park use Permit for Swiss UCC (8/21/16): Motion by Barb Anderson, second by Petra Streiff to approve the Permit. Motion carried.

Discussion/Recommendation: 2017 Parks and Recreation Budget Review: Director Chris Rear outlined the proposed budget requests for 2017, including fixing the lip in the Vet's Park ballfield, regrading Vet's Park ballfield, and additional funds for the Little League program, as he was anticipating three additional teams for 2017. He noted that the School District might be able to partner on the Vet's Park ballfield improvements. He also noted there were additional funds requested for playground equipment repairs or replacement. Administrator Gadow stated that the swimming pool was due for a repainting, which is estimated at \$10,000. Chair Thoemke asked if staffing of the swimming pool could be reviewed as well. Director Rear also noted a desire to complete a long range park plan to assist with future capital improvement planning needs. Administrator Gadow said that the Village could use some of the data in the forthcoming Comprehensive Plan update to assist with that effort. Administrator Gadow noted that the full Village Board would review the draft 2017 budget in late September.

Discussion/Recommendation: Village Cow Repainting: Administrator Gadow provided an update that Mary Margenau had contacted him about donating the time and materials to repaint the Cow statute in Village Park, if the Village could provide a letter for tax donation purposes and transport the cow to the Margenau's home for repainting. The Committee was supportive of this request, and thanked the Margenau's for their donation.

Update: On-Line Interactive Green County Bike Map: Administrator Gadow provided an update on the potential project, noting he was in discussions with the Chamber about their interest, if it could incorporate a marketing component. He noted that he needed to contact the Town regarding their potential interest in participating.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Barb Anderson, second by Petra Streiff. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Bryan Gadow, Administrator

**VILLAGE OF NEW GLARUS  
PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE  
July 13, 2016**

Chair Greg Thoenke called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Present: Barb Anderson, Petra Streiff, and Greg Thoenke. Also present: Administrator Bryan Gadow, Park and Recreation Director Chris Rear, and Joel Piper (New Glarus Youth Baseball).

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Barb Anderson, second by Petra Streiff to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes of the 6/15/16 Meeting: Motion by Petra Streiff, second by Barb Anderson to approve the 6/15/16 minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Presentation: New Glarus Youth Baseball Program on Fundraising Update: Joel Piper of the New Glarus Youth Baseball Committee provided the Committee with an update on fundraising activities for improvements to the Veteran's Park baseball field. Mr. Piper noted that the proposed improvements included two separate projects: 1) Regrading the ballfield and removal of the lip (approximately \$22,450); and 2) Update to chain link fencing (approximately \$26,119). Mr. Piper noted that the regarding of the ballfield was the top priority due to safety concerns for players. He stated that the Youth Committee's fundraising goal was \$47,000, and that they have applied for a grant from Major League Baseball (MLB), and have a goal of \$14,000 in additional fundraising through their September Wine and Tapas event. He also noted that they have had discussions with the School District regarding financial support as well. Chair Thoenke asked if the priority projects could be broken up over 2017 and 2018. Mr. Piper indicated that it was a possibility. The Committee thanked Mr. Piper for the presentation, and asked that he keep the Village informed as to the fundraising process this fall, as the Village begins its budgeting process for 2017.

Recommendation: Park use Permit for Wilhelm Tell Festival Art in the Park (9/4/16): Motion by Petra Streiff, second by Barb Anderson to approve the Permit. Motion carried.

Recommendation: Special Events Permit for New Glarus Area EMS Kickapalooza (8/20/16): Motion by Petra Streiff, second by Barb Anderson to approve the Permit. Motion carried.

Discussion/Recommendation: Park Maintenance Checklist: Barb Anderson indicated that she saw an example of a park maintenance checklist used in the City of Lodi to inventory park maintenance, including weeds, cracks in pavement, and broken equipment. Administrator Gadow indicated he would contact City of Lodi staff for lessons learned on using the checklists. The consensus of the Committee was to have Staff pursue the checklist concept further and work with the Park and Recreation Director to develop a form for the Village.

Discussion/Recommendation: Walking Trail near Industrial Drive: Administrator Gadow provided the Committee with an update on the request from a citizen for a mowed trail from the Industrial Park area to the snowmobile bridge. Chair Thoenke suggested that Staff contact Wirtz mowing for quote on the cost to mow a path in the area every two weeks. Park and Recreation Director Rear indicated that the Village

had the equipment to mow that area. The consensus of the Committee was for Staff to work with the Public Works Department to see if that area could be maintained with village equipment.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Barb Anderson, second by Petra Streiff. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Bryan Gadow, Administrator

**VILLAGE OF NEW GLARUS  
PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE  
June 15, 2016**

Chair Greg Thoemke called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Present: Barb Anderson, Petra Streiff, and Greg Thoemke. Also present: Administrator Bryan Gadow.

Approval of Agenda: Administrator Gadow requested that the agenda be amended to include an update on the Chalet of the Golden Fleece as new agenda item #7. Motion by Petra Streiff, second by Barb Anderson to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes of the 5/11/16 Meeting: Motion by Petra Streiff, second by Barb Anderson to approve the 5/11/16 minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Discussion: Interactive Green County Bike Trails Map: Administrator Gadow provided the Committee with an update on that the City of Monroe is working on with the Southwestern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SWWRPC) to create an online and interactive version of bike maps within the Monroe area. Administrator Gadow noted that the SWWRPC and staff from the City of Monroe contacted him to see if there was interest from New Glarus to also participate in the digitizing its bike maps as part of this project. Administrator Gadow stated that the Village's cost would be \$1,200 with a \$250 annual maintenance fee. Petra Streiff asked if more New Glarus bike routes could be added as part of the project cost. Chair Thoemke noted that the Chamber should be asked if they would be interested in participating in the project. Barb Anderson noted that the recently printed area barn tour map could be used as one potential bike route to add to the map. Chair Thoemke noted that if the map includes routes in other area communities, such as Monticello, Brodhead, and the Town of New Glarus, they should also be asked to participate and contribute to the cost of the project. Motion by Barb Anderson to direct staff to continue pursuing the project and research the questions presented, second by Petra Streiff. Motion carried.

Update/Discussion: Dog Park Concept: Administrator Gadow provided an overview of the various contacts that were made with Jack Links (LSI) regarding potential lease options for a dog park. He noted that as these parcels had current leases with other tenants, they were not available for the Village to utilize for a dog park at this time. Chair Thoemke noted that the Committee would be meeting with the Town Parks Board in the coming days, and would ask them about other sites that they were researching. Chair Thoemke asked Administrator Gadow to send a letter of thanks to the LSI contact and reiterate that if something changed with LSI's current lease arrangements that the Village would be interested in resuming discussions.

Update: Chalet of the Golden Fleece: Administrator Gadow provided the Committee with the following update items on the Chalet of the Golden Fleece:

- The Chalet volunteers recently had a big cleaning day with students from Monticello, focusing on weeding, landscaping, and general cleaning.
- A new intern was hired to help complete the inventory project.
- Chalet staff has secured volunteers to do guided tours every Saturday through July.
- Three buses have already been scheduled for the summer with a total of 150 visitors.
- Chalet staff have moved their checking account under the New Glarus Vision's 501.c.3 umbrella to allow them to apply for grants.

- Some additional painting is needed for the roof area.
- Chalet staff is working on pricing for new brochures from an internet source.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Barb Anderson, second by Petra Streiff. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Bryan Gadow, Administrator

**VILLAGE OF NEW GLARUS  
PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE  
May 11, 2016**

Chair Greg Thoenke called the meeting to order at 6:21 p.m. Present: Barb Anderson, Petra Streiff, and Greg Thoenke. Also present: Parks and Recreation Director Chris Rear, Trustee Peg Kruse, and Administrator Bryan Gadow.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Barb Anderson, second by Petra Streiff to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes of the 3/15/16 Meeting: Motion by Barb Anderson, second by Petra Streiff to approve the 3/15/16 minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Update: 2016 Registrations: Chris Rears provided an update on current registrations for the 2016 recreation season, noting that they were a little ahead of registrations at this point last year.

Discussion/Recommendation: Application for Use of Village Park by Green County Humane Society (Pedal for Paws) on July 9, 2016: Motion by Barb Anderson to recommend approval of the application, second by Petra Streiff. Motion carried.

Discussion/Recommendation: Park Use Permit for Music in the Park (7/10/16, 7/24/16, and 8/14/16): Motion by Barb Anderson to recommend approval of application, second by Greg Thoenke. Motion carried.

Discussion/Recommendation: Application for Use of Village Park by Grace Church on 7/17/16: Motion by Petra Streiff to recommend approval, subject to filing of a new insurance certificate, second by Petra Streiff. Motion carried.

Discussion/Recommendation: Application for Use of Village Park by New Glarus Chamber for Farmer's Market on 5/28, 6/4, 6/11, 6/18, 7/2, 7/9, 7/16, 7/23, 7/30, 8/6, 8/13, 8/20, 8/27, 9/3, 9/17, 9/24, 10/1, 10/8, 10/15, and 10/22: Motion by Petra Streiff to recommend approval of the application, second by Barb Anderson. Motion carried.

Discussion/Recommendation: Resolution 16-16 Appointing Sub-Guards: Motion to Petra Streiff to recommend approval of Resolution 16-16, second by Barb Anderson. Motion carried.

Update/Discussion: Softball Field Cost Estimates: Chair Thoenke provided an updated analysis of the softball field cost estimates for Glarner Park and Veteran's Park, highlighting the necessary versus optional costs. He noted some inaccuracies in the Veteran's Park fencing and in-line backstop calculations. Chair Thoenke noted that there was a costs different of \$191,242.50 for the Veteran's Park option versus a cost of \$118,375 for the Glarner Park option as it related to comparable necessary costs.

Barb Anderson stated that the voters passed an advisory referendum asking for the Library to be located in Glarner Park, and that decision should be honored. Petra Streiff stated the Village Board had voted in January to direct staff to prepare a land lease for the Library at Glarner Park. Chair Thoenke stated that

he disagreed with that assessment of the situation. He asked Staff to add the softball field cost estimate issue to the May 17<sup>th</sup> Village Board meeting to allow full Board discussion.

Chris Rears stated that the Village needs to determine where the Library is going first, then it can determine costs and designs for any ballfield. He noted that the Village would hire a company to conduct research on best ballfield needs for the community that would aid in the design and development of cost estimates. He noted his concern about forcing a decision on numbers rather than a location.

Chair Thoenke agreed that Fehr Graham's number were not ready to be used to form any contract, but they need to better understand the comparative costs involved with each site. Barb Anderson stated that people do not understand the difference between an advisory and non-advisory referendum. Chair Thoenke stated it was the Village's job to help people understand the difference between the two.

Chalet of the Golden Fleece Items: Administrator Gadow provided an update on items related to the Chalet, including reinstallation of the roof logs and rocks, replacement of the roof vents, and repairs to the north kitchen wall. Chair Thoenke noted that each year the Chalet can generate better financials, then the Chalet can begin to cover more of their expenses.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Barb Anderson, second by Petra Streiff. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Bryan Gadow, Administrator

**VILLAGE OF NEW GLARUS  
PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE  
March 15, 2016**

Chair Greg Thoenke called the meeting to order at 5:46 p.m. Present: Barb Anderson, Petra Streiff. Also present: Parks and Recreation Director Chris Rear, Sandy Blum, Trustee Peg Kruse, and Administrator Bryan Gadow.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Barb Anderson, second by Petra Streiff to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes of the 2/10/16 Meeting: Motion by Greg Thoenke, second by Barb Anderson to approve the 2/10/16 minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Chalet of the Golden Fleece Items: Sandy Blum provided an update on the Chalet, including the status of the inventory project, which had nearly 400 volunteer hours. Ms. Blum also noted that Larry Streiff was working on replacement of the tile flooring in the 1<sup>st</sup> floor bathroom. She noted that additional repairs were necessary to the north wall in the kitchen, and that Mr. Ken Zimmerman had offered to bid out the work. An additional bid would be needed for the front porch replacement. Ms. Blum also asked that certain routine maintenance items be placed on a regular schedule, such as replacement of the furnace filters and treatment of the box elders and Asian Beetles. Administrator Gadow stated that he would check with the roof contractor on scheduling a date to reinstall the logs and rocks on the roof and if a roof ridge vent could be installed. Ms. Blum also noted that the stack of brochures were running low and an additional print run might be needed.

Glarner Park Field Improvement Estimate: Chris Rears indicated that he tried to adjust the estimates to better compare the Glarner Park estimates with the Veteran's Park estimates. He noted that the original estimates only had a 5% contingency, so he also included an option with a 15% contingency, and added \$200,000 for a lighting addition. Chair Thoenke asked if the field would need lights. Chris Rears indicated that it would not need lights immediately, but long term it could be added on at a later date with fundraising. Chair Thoenke asked what the HMA pavement was that was included in the estimate. Chris Rears noted that would be a question for Fehr Graham. Chair Thoenke provided the Committee members with his analysis of the cost estimates, and noted his concern with the cost of the concession

stand. Chair Thoemke stated that with improvements at Glarner Park, only a scoreboard and lighting would be needed and it would be approximately \$50,000 less expensive than the Veteran's Park option. Chair Thoemke asked why there were no costs included for a scoreboard at Veteran's Park. Chris Rears indicated that they would look for local businesses to donate a scoreboard, similar the other scoreboard at Veteran's Park. Chair Thoemke asked why there was a cost difference in the backstop estimates. Chris Rears indicated that the manufacture submitted a more detailed cost estimate that was included in the newest estimate, but not when the original estimates were done. Chair Thoemke raised a question to be asked of Fehr Graham as to why there are different designs for backstops at Veteran's Park and Glarner Park. Chris Rears noted that Glarner Park is a little bigger than the proposed field at Veteran's Park. Barb Anderson inquired if bathrooms increased the cost of the concession stand. Chris Rears noted the playground equipment included in the estimate, as the age group is young families, and the desire to not have them cross to a different park for that equipment. Petra Streiff asked why the Village was responsible for replacing the softball field if it is removed from Glarner Park. Chris Rears indicated that the existing baseball field at Veteran's Park would not meet the needs of other recreation program leagues, as that field is too large. Peg Kruse asked what was the bare bones cost for making the Veteran's Park second field playable. Chris Rears estimated that it would be about \$215,000. Chair Thoemke noted that additional work was needed to verify the cost estimates, and the Committee members should consider what the items from a wish list are for the field are actually needed.

Update: Team T-Shirt/Jersey Program: Chris Rears described the sponsorship program, which was set up to allow local businesses to sponsor the purchase of T-Shirts or Jersey for various program teams. The cost to sponsor a full team is \$300. The Committee had no objection to the sponsorship program.

Recommendation: Minor/Major League Softball Program: Chris Rears noted that the program was back under the Park and Recreation Department again, after being volunteer run for the last few years. He was recommending that Ms. Hannah Grossen be provided with some type of compensation for the time spent on the program. Chris Rears estimated that it was approximately 10 hours of time, at about \$10-12 per hour, for a cost of \$100-120. The Committee directed staff to research ways to provide the nominal compensation for the Minor/Major League Softball Program management.

Recommendation: Ball Field Preparation for 2016 Season: Chris Rears indicated that the time that the School Board's hired individual spends preparing the fields before the games is more than the \$50 per game compensation (from the School Board). He recommended that the Village contribute some additional funds for the good work done on the fields. Greg Thoemke made a motion to direct staff to work with the School District to partner in increased compensation for the worker. Second by Barb Anderson. Motion carried.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Barb Anderson, second by Petra Streiff. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

Bryan Gadow, Administrator

**VILLAGE OF NEW GLARUS  
PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE  
February 10, 2016**

Chair Greg Thoemke called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Present: Barb Anderson. Also present: Parks and Recreation Director Chris Rear, Trustee Peg Kruse, Robert Elkins, and Administrator Bryan Gadow.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Barb Anderson, second by Greg Thoemke to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes of the 1/13/16 Meeting: Motion by Barb Anderson, second by Greg Thoemke to approve the 1/13/16 minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Robert Elkins, resident of the Town of New Glarus, addressed the Committee regarding his consider with a potential Dog Park location off of Hwy W near the Village quarry. He expressed concerns regarding noise and potential traffic accidents. He suggested that the Village consider the Hosley Pond area as a potential location.

Update: Ice Rink Repairs: Administrator Gadow stated that the Public Works staff had been able to repair the damage to the ice rink, and that it would now be open to the public again.

Update: 2016 Swimming Pool Season Items: Administrator Gadow stated that in 2016 the Village would replace the drain in the large pool, and that they would switch from pellet chemicals to liquid chlorine, both of which were included in the 2016 budget. Park and Receptions Director Rears discussed the proposed 2016 fee schedule for recreation activities and the swimming pool, noting that the fees would be the same as 2015. He noted that in future seasons he would like to revise the fees to provide a penalty for those registering for programs after the appropriate registration time. Barb Anderson asked if there were accommodations for residents with an inability to afford the program fees. Director Rears indicated that there was sponsorship fund available for those with documented needs. The consensus of the Committee was to move Resolution 16-05 (2016 Fee Schedule) forward to the Village Board for approval.

Update: Chalet of the Golden Fleece: Administrator Gadow noted that the Chalet has purchased a new vacuum cleaning through the donation fund, and that the new logs were picked up. Barb Anderson noted that May was Historic Preservation Month, and asked if the Chalet would consider offering a free tour day for local residents. Greg Thoemke agreed and suggested that they also consider handing out coupons for discounted return visits to entice tourists.

Update: General Parks Updates: Administrator Gadow stated that two students from the New Glarus Middle School had contacted for permission to install a “Free Little Library” in Village Park near the swimming pool or gazebo area. He noted that the “Free Little Library” would be paid for by a donation from the New Glarus Youth Committee. The Committee was supportive of the idea, but noted the potential for vandalism. Administrator Gadow also stated that the Chamber of Commerce was interested in moving the summer farmers market to Village Park on Saturdays when there was not an already scheduled event or conflict. The Committee was supportive of the idea and asked Mr. Gadow to get additional information on the proposed set up.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for March 15, 2016 at 6:00pm.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Barb Anderson, second by Greg Thoemke. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Bryan Gadow, Administrator

**VILLAGE OF NEW GLARUS  
PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE  
January 13, 2016**

Chair Greg Thoemke called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Present: Barb Anderson and Petra Streiff. Also present: Parks and Recreation Director Chris Rear, Trustee Peg Kruse, and Administrator Bryan Gadow.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Barb Anderson, second by Petra Streiff to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes of the 11/11/15 Meeting: Motion by Petra Streiff, second by Barb Anderson to approve the 11/11/15 minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Recommendation: Special Events Permit – Grace Church for New Glarus Family Festival – September 8-11, 2016: Administrator Gadow noted that this is the annual application for the Grace Church Festival.

The application includes the closure of 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue between 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and Railroad Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Street between 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and Railroad Street between 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue on Sunday, exclusive use of Village Park including a tent, dumpster and portable restroom facilities will be provided and amplified music will be on Saturday from 2:00 – 10:00 pm. and Sunday 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Motion by Barb Anderson to recommend approval, second by Petra Streiff. Motion carried.

Update/Discussion: Potential Sites for Softball Field: Parks and Recreation Director Chris Rear provided an update on the work done on the Vet's Park softball field concept, including rough cost estimates provided by Fehr-Graham. He noted that if the softball field was to remain at Glarner Park, upgrades would still be needed at the field. He indicated the need for a long term range plan for fields, potentially in partnership with the School Board. Parks and Recreation Director Rear indicated that this might include purchasing land adjacent to Vet's Park for a ballfield complex. Administrator Gadow noted that regardless of where the softball field is located that funding for improvements will be an issue that needs to be addressed. Chair Thoenke asked what amount the School Board had indicated they were willing to contribute. Administrator Gadow indicated that it was his understanding that it was \$50,000. Chair Thoenke asked if Fehr-Graham had a cost estimate for renovation of the current Glarner Park field, and if not, would they be willing to do it pro bono. Parks and Recreation Director Rear indicated that they had not put together that estimate. Petra Streiff stated she did not see the Library changing their plans for the Glarner Park site as they have spent time and money preparing their plans for that site based on the referendum results. She questioned the value in getting an estimate Glarner Park upgrade estimates, since the majority of the Committee indicated a preference for the Vet's Park option in July. Chair Thoenke stated he wanted to have the Village Board answer the question if they were agreeing to remove green space at Glarner Park and removal of tennis courts at Vet's Park with roll call votes. Chair Thoenke requested that Staff work with Fehr-Graham to get a cost estimate on Glarner Park field upgrades. Parks and Recreation Director Rear listed the items that would need to be improved on the existing ballfield, including the scoreboard, dugouts, bathrooms, concession stand, and redoing the infield.

Update: Chalet of the Golden Fleece: Administrator Gadow noted that Staff is working on setting up a TDS messaging service for the Chalet, so volunteers and staff members can remotely check messages from call-ins to the Chalet. In addition, he noted that Chalet volunteers are coordinating the purchase of new logs for placement on the roof.

Update: Dog Park Concept: Administrator Gadow noted that Staff has been in regular contact with the local representative from Jack Link's about the potential for a lease option of approximately 3 acres of Jack Link's land near the quarry. The local Jack Link's staff is supportive of the concept, and is awaiting corporate approval. If approved by corporate, and offered at a lease price acceptable to both the Village and Town, we would then look to locate a dog park in that area, with some type of enclosure fence.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Barb Anderson, second by Petra Streiff. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Bryan Gadow, Administrator

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