

Approved: March 21, 2017

**TOWN OF GIBRALTAR
PARKS AND LANDS COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2017 / 4
7:30 A.M.**

Call to Order: Brian Hackbarth called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. at 4108 Main St.

Present: Chairman Hackbarth stated that a quorum of the committee was present. Members present: Laurie Buske, Karl Stubenvoll, Dwayne Daubner. and Bob Spielman

Proper Notice/Adopt Agenda: Hackbarth verified the agenda had been properly noticed.

Motion: (Buske/Daubner) to adopt the agenda as posted. Carried.

The Committee toured the new beach property, Blossomberg Cemetery, and Juddville Cemetery for informational purposes only. No actions were taken. They returned to the Town Center at 8:35 A.M. to continue the regular meeting.

Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings:

Motion:(Stubenvoll/Buske) to approve the minutes of November 29, 2016 as written. Carried

Public Comment: Renny Lea has concerns with lawn care maintenance and suggests a more natural approach.

Replace Septic System at Chambers Island Lighthouse: An estimate wasn't received.

Motion: (Stubenvoll/Daubner) to table. Carried.

2017 Lawn Care Maintenance: Buske gave an update on the more natural results at Spruce Park. The lawn is very lush. Over-seeding our lawns is an option for all the parks to offer a less fed option. Fish Creek Park would be a suitable park to over-seed next. Will need to obtain an estimate for aeration. Daubner will research and get estimates on an organic solution. Spielman and Buske will obtain estimates to aerate and over-seed Fish Creek Park.

Renny presented a Safe Lawns brochure to the committee with resources for more information.

Bench Donation Request – Blossomberg Cemetery: If DNR permission is required; we would like to plan all of the potential bench requests. Next month, will provide cemetery map, DNR agreement and rules for Blossomberg Cemetery.

Bench Donation Request – Fish Creek Beach: Buske suggested putting the bench request on hold until property lines and setbacks have been determined. Can't make a decision at this time. It was suggested to create a form letter, when responding to a donation request.

Location of the Giving Tree: *Motion: (Spielman/Daubner) to locate the giving tree in the hallway to the left of the office door. Carried.*

Juddville Cemetery: GHA would like the Town to change the date on the Juddville Cemetery sign to reflect the original burial. They would also like to have the edges of the cemetery cleared around the stones. The brush is starting to encroach upon the stones. Would like to have maintenance clear the south property line 5-10 feet. The west line may require a proposal for removing some of the larger trees. Buske and GHA will research the cost of the ground penetrating radar.

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Requested Removal of Tree at Fish Creek Welcome Sign: Buske reported that the crab tree will never be a nice looking tree. It has been taken over by the scrub roots.

Motion: (Spielman/Stubenvoll) to remove the crab apple tree in front of the welcome sign. Carried

Requested Removal of Ash Tree at Alibi: The Emerald Ash Borer has taken its toll on the tree in the island between the Alibi parking lots. *Motion: (Spielman/Daubner) to remove the ash tree. Carried.*

Garbage/Recycling Container and Accessory Purchase: The cemetery could use 2 new receptacles. A quote wasn't received prior to the meeting.

Fish Creek Beach Improvement Recommendation: The Town Board will most likely spearhead the project but would like a recommendation from the committee. Next month, setbacks and building envelope will be provided.

Andrea Jauquet would like the number of trees to be removed be selective.

- Buske would like the bathrooms and showers to have character
- Play area for children
- Picnic tables
- Parking lot could be used as more greenspace
- Some trees will need to be removed
- Dock to be redone for silent sports
 - o Could be a liability
 - o Cost would be too high
- Would like to get the historical value/significance of the buildings
- The cedars are too close to the sidewalk would like to replace with trees that match those at the beach
- Contact someone that does historic renovations
- A history panel, similar to those at the DCCB kiosk, with historical information of the property was suggested
- Removing the parking lot will help with the runoff issue

Sunset Park Improvement Recommendation: The Town has contracted with SEH to do streetscaping. What do we envision for that park? The path is unusable for handicap. Stairs need attention. Would like to have stumps removed from the pocket gardens.

Noble Square Park Improvement Recommendation: What improvements would we like to see in the park? Power. Stone pile behind stage. A walking path?

Noble Square Landscaping Proposal: A proposal was received to level the ground in front of the stage. Needing to be done so it doesn't interfere with concerts in the park. It would need to be completed by May 15th.

Motion: (Spielman/Stubenvoll) to accept proposal with Laurie's seed recommendation and completion date of May 15th. Carried. Daubner abstained.

Relocating and Replacing Flag Pole at Old Town Hall: Buske has requested a tree be placed in the flag pole location. Would like to inspect the base of the flag pole. Maintenance staff just repainted and refinished the pole. Daubner will research a new pole.

Tree Removal at Old Town Hall: The crab apple is old and no longer flowering.

Motion: (Spielman/Buske) to remove the crab apple tree. Carried.

Tree Planting at Old Town Hall: no estimates were received.

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Committee reports

Chair: No report

Gardens: Gardens are sleeping. She will clean up the pots this weekend.

Invasive Species: Still looking for someone to lead the committee.

Lighthouse: Closed for the season

Next Meeting Date: March 21, 2017, 2017 at 8:00 AM.

Adjourn: *Motion: (Buske/Stubenvoll) to adjourn at 10:34AM. Carried*

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly Murre
Deputy Clerk