

Approved: June 27, 2017

**TOWN OF GIBRALTAR  
PLAN COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, MAY 23, 2017  
GIBRALTAR TOWN CENTER  
7:00 P.M.**

**Call to order:** The regular meeting of the Gibraltar Plan Commission was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Linda Merline, chairperson.

**Roll Call/quorum:** Merline stated that a quorum of the Commission was present.  
Members present: Linda Merline, Brian Hackbarth, James DeGroot and Bob MacDonald  
Absent: Tom Blackwood

**Proper notice:** *Motion: (DeGroot, MacDonald) to adopt the agenda as posted. Carried*

**Approve minutes of previous meetings:**

*Motion: (Hackbarth, DeGroot) to approve the minutes of the April 25, 2017 joint meeting with Parks and Lands, as written. Carried*

*Motion: (Hackbarth, MacDonald) to approve the minutes of the April 25, 2017 meeting as written. Carried*

**Public comment:** Wayne Kudick presented an idea that supports a passage way under the bridge and creating a co-agreement with the State Park for long term parking. The master plan of the Park is becoming more liberal in utilizing the land that is available.

**Presentation by Wayne Kudick on Earth Day Activities:** Wayne Kudick is suggesting an Earth Week to tie in Arbor Day and Earth Day. It is a coalition of Green agencies, creating events for green education and business. This spring, Lautenbach's Orchard did a presentation on the preservation bees and diminishing pesticides. He suggests a collaborative grant seeking effort and marketing with government and private entities. He stated, millennials are looking for more environmentally friendly options and would extend the season.

Hackbarth suggested that DCVB, FCCA and DCTZC would be better suited to handle this project. Merline reviewed the Comprehensive Plan to tie in Earth Week as a goal of the Commission and will review at another meeting to discuss. Ex: Invasive Species, the Town created a plan as a goal for other municipalities to follow suit.

MacDonald stated it does have added value to gain focus and we'll need to determine the focus within the Town, prior to adding other municipalities. Would like to gain more citizen involvement and private ownership of the event.

**Goal 8: Rewrite/make recommendation for adjusting county zoning to match the comprehensive plan's vision**

- **Town of Gibraltar – Additional Sign Requirements – 8.09(4b) (“art flags” and outdoor display):**  
The Gibraltar overlay is the only municipality with an outdoor display ordinance. Another definition of an art flag could be a seasonal flag or a holiday flag.  
Should a public input session be held to determine what the community wants? Need to differentiate between art and merchandise.  
DeGroot shared parameters to simplify the ordinance: Nothing displayed on a sidewalk, in the road right of way, not blocking an entrance, or interfering with parking.  
Regulations equal commitment to enforcement.  
Would like to research an outdoor display permit, subject to the historical character of the community. It may be subjective, but allows the Plan Commission to determine character and allows flexibility to customize based on the property.

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Will provide example of liquor license application next month

All businesses would be required.

Need to determine design standards.

Need to clarify reader boards vs sandwich board.

DeGroot and MacDonald will bring a draft next month.

- **Temporary Uses 2.07:** Merline suggested only allowing temporary uses for nonprofit/noncommercial. Create Gibraltar overlay. Temporary uses are exempt from fire code, accessibility, and sanitation. They are not zoned commercially. The goal is to not have these uses used regularly in residential neighborhoods.
- **Assembly Halls 4.04(17):** Not allowed in Heartland in Gibraltar. Not opposed via conditional use in other districts.

### Reports

- A. Chair report:** A meeting will be schedule after Memorial Day with County representatives and Bob Kufirin. Active outdoor recreation facility will be on next month's agenda.
- B. Ground and surface water:** Nancy Turyk forwarded some references for the Creek Plan to the Commission
- C. Town Board/parks & lands:** DeGroot reached out to landscapers. None were hired to remove invasive species. One person in Baileys Harbor does advertise to remove invasive species.
- D. Bike/pedestrian plan:** No Report

**Set the next meeting date:** *June 27, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.*

**Adjourn:** *Motion: (Merline, DeGroot) to adjourn at 9:13 p.m. Carried*

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly Murre  
Deputy Clerk