

Approved: July 25, 2017

**TOWN OF GIBRALTAR
PARKS AND LANDS COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 2017 MINUTES
7:30 A.M.**

Call to Order: Brian Hackbarth called the meeting to order at 7:48 a.m. after touring Clark Park. The committee discussed bathroom sign and tree locations.

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

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

Motion: (Stubenvoll, Daubner) to adopt the agenda as posted. Carried.

Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings:

Motion:(Stubenvoll, Daubner) to approve the minutes of May 16, 2017 as amended. Carried

Public Comment: Gwendolyn Stry commented on the overgrowth along the trail at Sunset Park. It is overgrown and junky. On the corner of Cedar and Maple St., the bush is overgrown and covering the stop sign. The trees in front of the new beach property are encroaching the sidewalk. Terry Stry also commented on the overgrowth in Sunset Park and suggested removing the dead trees.

Remove from the Table Kayak Rentals Proposal at Fish Creek Beach: *Motion: (Daubner, Stubenvoll) to remove kayak rentals proposal from the table. Carried.*

Kayak Rentals Proposal at Fish Creek Beach: David Rack presented a proposal for kayak rentals at Fish Creek beach. He has \$2,000,000 insurance policy. Proposes 10 kayaks and 10 paddle boards. Paddles would be stored in a lock box, and jackets would be brought in daily. He is requesting a 13' x 15' area to the right of the stairs, going to the beach. The new beach property is not a viable option because it is not zoned for commercial use yet. The paddle boards would be stored on top of the rocks and kayaks below the rocks. He will coordinate with maintenance when the sand is being combed. He proposes \$500/month. Has attended several of the beach planning meetings and is excited about the opportunity to work with the consultants on beach improvement.

The committee would prefer to open it up for bid next year. But due to the season already starting, it is too late to request proposals. It would be a nice trial this year.

Motion: (Daubner, Buske) to recommend to the Town Board for review, the approval of the kayak rental proposal for the 2017 summer season based on the following requirements. Carried, Hackbarth opposed.

Requirements:

- *Monthly attendance of Parks meeting*
- *Limited number of kayaks kept on site. 10 paddle boards and 10 kayaks – to be reviewed at the next meeting*
- *Chair and Umbrella*
- *2 sandwich boards allowed*
- *\$500/ month – 3 months ending September 30th.*
- *Rental information, sales and statistics to be provided*
- *Employee parking behind community center*
- *Leave no trace, help maintain a clean area*
- *Nightly storage on top of the rocks*

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- *Online listings to be kept current*
- *No soliciting*

Chambers Island Septic Replacement: No estimate was available.

Clark Park Tree Planting: Buske presented options to replace the trees in Clark Park. An Accolade Elm near the water and the Sterling Linden by the wall. She presented options from Timberline wholesale, but they do not deliver and plant. Bridenhagen landscape will deliver, plant and guarantee. Would like to have Dave's Tree Service look at the smaller, healthy looking ash tree. *Motion; (Stubenvoll, Ansley) to purchase the Accolade Elm to be placed near the water and the Sterling Linden by the wall. To be planted in the fall by Bridenhagen Landscaping. Carried*

Remove from the Table, Bathroom Signage at Clark Park: *Motion: (Stubenvoll, Daubner) to remove bathroom signage at Clark Park from the table. Carried*

Bathroom Signage at Clark Park: The committee discussed several options for the bathroom signage: add a slat to the current Clark Park Sign, place a sign at the Town Hall corner, add more signage to the Town Hall. The committee didn't think adding to the Clark Park sign would be obvious enough. The current sign on the Town Hall isn't the universal color for bathroom signage. That signage could be improved.

Motion: (Buske, Stubenvoll) to place a metal restroom sign saying "Public Restroom". Next to the garbage cans at the corner of the Town Hall. Daubner, Ansley and Hackbarth opposed. Motion Fails.

Motion (Ansley, Hackbarth) to place a wood sign with the wording "public restrooms" beneath the current public restroom sign on the Town Hall building. Carried

Fish Creek Beach Improvement Recommendation to the Town Board: Hackbarth reported the Town has been denied for the tree cutting variance. Rezoning is on the County RPC agenda the 3rd week in July.

2018 Lawn Care Planning: Buske reported that more seeding may be needed at Noble Square. Spruce Park is very healthy, only had a few dandelions.

Electric Vehicle Charging Station Area Improvements and Lighting: Buske reported that she met a Tesla owner and learned that Tesla offers to install charging stations. Our current station is set up on the wrong side. Vehicles have to back up to the charger. Charging stations are located utilizing an application on their phones. Need to determine how precise the GPS is and whether signage is necessary.

Community Gardens : The new town shop property doesn't have the best topography for a community garden. The volleyball courts would be a great location, but do not have water. Will bring drawings of the volleyball property next month. Could set up a rain barrel system.

Down Cast Lighting on Town Properties: GHA has discussed redoing the Noble House. But they do like having it lit at night. Ansley will look into options. Stubenvoll mentioned the light at the beach. The beach light is included in the lighting plan. Will be reviewed again in October as the nights get longer.

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Docent Policy: A docent policy was requested for the substitute caretakers. Blahnik questions whether a docent policy is needed or a substitute caretaker policy. Who is allowed to be a docent, what is required and expected of a docent. They are separate from the caretakers. The substitutes she is referring to will stay at the lighthouse for the weekend.

Committee reports

Chair: Bike racks will be put out soon at the Fish Creek Beach and Town Center

Gardens: Buske presented a report of the gardens, a lot of rain, good for the gardens but also for the weeds. Burnweed in Sunset park needs to be taken care of. Rabbits making nests in the junipers of Fish Creek Park. Mulch at Fish Creek Park is overflowing into the sidewalk.

Invasive Species: Ansley requested the maintenance staff to monitor and treat the Poison Ivy on Cottage Row (the Hairpin), Champagne Rock, and along the Fish Creek Park trail.

Lighthouse: Blahnik reported the lighthouse tour was well attended again this year.

Next Meeting Date: July 18, 2017 at 8:00 AM.

Adjourn: *Motion: (Stubenvoll, Daubner) to adjourn at 9:53 AM. Carried*

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly Murre
Deputy Clerk