

Approved: February 27, 2018

**TOWN OF GIBRALTAR
PARKS AND LANDS COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2018 MINUTES
8:00 A.M.**

Call to Order: Hackbarth called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

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

Absent: Karl Stubenvoll

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

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

Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting(s): *Motion: (Daubner, Buske) to approve the minutes from the November 28, 2017 meeting as amended. Carried.*

Public Comment: Mary Ann Blahnik said she would contact Deb Feier regarding phragmites control on the Island.

Committee Reports

Chair: Hackbarth reported the Town Board has been actively working on the Fish Creek Beach plans. The petition for grant of variance to remove shoreland vegetation between the properties is January 23rd.

Gardens: No report

Invasive Species: Agenda items

Lighthouse: M. Blahnik reported the lighthouse walk is the second weekend in June.

Sunset Beach Landscape Proposal: Ansley met with DC Soil and Water and Sunnypoint Gardens to discuss drainage at Sunset Beach. They were not concerned with the runoff contaminating the bay. They discussed how to control the erosion. Need to create a path for water to flow. Buske suggested a second terrace to be more attractive.

A quote was received for \$4128 with flagstone costing an additional \$1300. Asphalt would be more handicap friendly. Ansley will obtain a tighter price quote as discussed.

Motion: (Buske, Daubner) to accept the proposal for Sunset Park Landscaping from Sunnypoint Landscaping for \$6500 to include mortar between flagstone and to extend blacktop as necessary. Carried.

Invasive Species Control Efforts: To continue the discussion on prevention of invasive species. The number of invasives in Fish Creek Park is overwhelming. May need to consider hiring out for the work as town maintenance staff have plenty on their to-do list and this is a low priority. Would like to obtain an estimate to eradicate the invasives for budgeting purposes. Would also like to obtain an estimate for all of the parks for budgeting purposes.

The fall newsletter on barberry never went out. Would like to coordinate one in the spring with the Plan Commission.

Tree Removal at Sunset Park along Hidden Harbor Fence: The tree in question has a hollow spot in the bottom. No longer a question whether it is a viable tree.

Motion: (Buske, Daubner) to remove the tree. Carried.

Blossomberg Cemetery Damage: Buske has not been able to meet with AJ. Hackbarth stated he has been in contact with one of the drivers and confirmed there were 2 new drivers last year.

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Hedges Along Noble Square: The hedges separate the two sidewalk and are overgrown. Buske suggested trimming. She will work with the maintenance staff to show them the correct method for these shrubs. Buske also said trash and leaves collect in that area and needs to be addressed.

Motion: (Hackbarth, Daubner) to have Laurie and Patrick coordinate trimming them back. Carried.

Lawn Care Maintenance: Nothing received yet but would like to get everyone thinking lawn care maintenance for next month. Buske said the Parks are doing very well and suggests continued, low maintenance. Weed killer will need to be applied because it was very wet last year. Karl was going to re-measure the Parks for consistency in price quotes.

Playground Equipment at Fish Creek Beach: Donation money has been offered for a larger playground. Would like the Committee to weigh-in on the Town Board discussion.

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, February 20, 2018 at 8:00 AM

Adjourn: *Motion: (Buske, Daubner) to adjourn at 8:58 AM. Carried*

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly Murre
Deputy Clerk