

**TOWN OF GIBRALTAR  
PARKS AND LANDS COMMITTEE  
TUESDAY, MAY 22, 2018 MINUTES  
8:00 A.M.**

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

**Members Present:** Hackbarth stated that a quorum of the committee was present. Members present: Brian Hackbarth, Laurie Buske, Dwayne Daubner, Bonnie Ansley, and Tom Thurman  
Absent: None

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

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

**Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting(s):** *Motion: (Buske, Ansley) to approve the minutes from the April 17, 2018 meeting as written. Carried.*

**Public Comment:** Jayson Merkel presented the need for an animal friendly park.  
Ansley suggested a better monthly schedule of meetings.

**Committee Reports**

**Chair:** Hackbarth reported the Town Board has asked the committee to take the lead on landscaping the water retention pond. Will schedule a special meeting June 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM with letters sent to the neighbors, notification sent to the Pulse and schedule Pete Hurth to attend.

**Gardens:** Buske reported she has been through the gardens cleaning winter debris. The bulbs are blooming. Next will be to add mulch. Merkel asked why the good mulch was used for the path in Sunset Park. It is to prevent the spread of invasive species.

**Invasive Species:** Ansley reported the invasive species day had about 30 people in attendance. She suggested purchasing a couple of tools to aid in prevention/removal: Buckthorn Buster and a Barberry wedge. DCIST also has tools available for use.

Two dates were scheduled with Hagenow to visit the Fish Creek Park to remove Phlox. She will also be doing an assessment of FC Park. Andrea Jauquet suggested giving the Buckthorn Buster tool to participants of the invasive species days.

**Lighthouse:** No report

**Tree Planting Sunset Park:** No report

**Invasive Species Control Efforts:** The first step is to determine the inventory of Fish Creek Park. Will continue to work with the Plan Commission.

**Playground Equipment at Fish Creek Beach:** Buske reported that Angela Sherman was going to reach out to some younger families for their input.

**Chemical Free Posting for Spruce Park:** Weeds were treated along the perimeter of Spruce and Clark Park. Sunset and Noble Square have not been treated. Located on the Park signs.

*Motion: (Ansley, Thurman) to purchase bumble bee 2 signs for Noble Square and Sunset Park stating they are a "Pesticide Free Zone". To remove signs if spot treatment is needed. Carried*

**Public Beach Restrooms:** The estimates received for a bathroom trailer or handicap accessible port-a-potties are over budget. Will proceed if the Town Board will help fund. Suggested to install a temporary sign saying handicap accessible bathrooms are across the street.

**Picnic Table/Ordinances:** The electors suggested removing the disallowance of picnic tables from the Parks. The ordinance applies to Fish Creek Beach, Champagne Rock, and Ula Street Park.

It was suggested to remove “picnic” from the 95-5 ordinance. Clark Park and Noble Park would also be suitable.

Hackbarth suggested also reconsidering the ban on pets and intoxicating liquor at the beach.

Will also look into whether alcohol in Clark Park is prohibited and research all ordinances that apply to the Parks.

**5 Year Plan:** The Committee reviewed the previous 5-year plan. Next month will bring forward suggestions.

**Next Meeting Date:** Tuesday, June 19, 2018 at 8:00 AM

**Adjourn:** *Motion: (Buske, Daubner) to adjourn at 9:04 AM. Carried*

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly Murre  
Deputy Clerk