

Approved: September 18, 2018

**TOWN OF GIBRALTAR  
PARKS AND LANDS COMMITTEE  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 21, 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, Bonnie Ansley, Dwayne Daubner and Tom Thurman  
Absent: None

**Proper Notice/Adopt Agenda:** The clerk confirmed the agenda had been properly noticed.

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

**Boat Trailer Parking Lot Landscaping Plan:** Nick from Meissner Landscape present a landscaping plan for the wet detention pond in the boat trailer parking lot. Tried to keep the plantings as native and natural as possible. He didn't want to completely obstruct the view of pond from the condos as it will attract wildlife and be a nice view. A mix of evergreens and arborvitae separates the parking lot. The arborvitae will need to be treated to prevent deer.

The size of the plantings has not been determined and will affect the cost.

Jauquet suggested a temporary fencing to prevent deer.

Nick gave an overview of the types of trees and wildflower mix.

Buske asked whether the landscape company handled the water flow and suggested a barrier under the rocks to prevent pesticides from going into the water. She suggested a lower wildflower mix and suggested the low mow grass along the lower edge. She asked who would be handling the aeration aspect of the plan. Skare stated the lighting plan could include an electrical post at the end for aeration needs. Merkel suggested we contact Lake and Pond Solutions for their suggestions. Buske has concerns whether the Tamaracks would survive and about maple trees being the next target for die-off. She suggests an Oak. Meissner does offer a one-year warranty on their trees.

The first season is the most critical for watering. After the 1<sup>st</sup> season the trees should be self-sustaining.

Smaller trees would have the greatest chance of survival. Nick stated 5-7 ft trees would be reasonable.

Would like Meissner to finalize the plan with the aerator.

Buske feels strongly about switching the maples to oak, adding a mussel tree, staggering in a few more spruce, and low mow grass along the edge with wild flower seed.

*Motion: (Thurman, Ansley) to recommend to the Town Board to accept Meissner's Landscape Plan replacing 2 Autumn Fantasy with Oak, the lilac with mussel wood, staggering in 8 spruce on the other side of the arborvitae to deter deer and adding an aerator w/ a recommendation from Lake and Pond Solutions. Also to allow the spraying of deer repellent the 1<sup>st</sup> year. Carried.*

**Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting:** *Motion: (Thurman, Daubner) to approve the minutes from the July 17, 2018 meeting as amended. Buske stated the question wasn't called regarding the Old Town Hall Rules. Motion withdrawn to review the audio.*

*Motion: (Hackbarth, Daubner) to table. Carried.*

**Remove from the Table: Approve Minutes of June 19, 2018 Meeting:** *Motion: (Daubner, Thurman) to remove from the table the minutes from the June 19, 2018 meeting. Carried*

**Approve Minutes of June 19, 2018 Meeting:** *Motion: (Thurman, Ansley) to approve the minutes from the June 19, 2018 meeting as written. Carried, Daubner abstained*

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**Public Comment:** Skare inquired if Parks and Lands could address the arborvitae that has died in front of Noble Square. Will contact GHA for their recommendation. Thurman suggested a temporary fence. Will put on next month's agenda.

Skare would also like a recommendation regarding the marigold strips.

Dave Bultman presented spotted salamander found at the Windmill Property and invasive jumping worms that will become a future threat to the Parks.

### **Committee Reports**

**Chair:** No report

**Gardens:** Buske stated it has been very dry, doing a lot of watering and dead heading.

**Invasive Species:** Ansley reported the wild parsnip has been removed from Fish Creek Park. They took the brush hog through to push back poison ivy. On August 16<sup>th</sup>, Tom Thurman and Linda Merline walked the creek with Kari Hagenow. She pointed out the reed canary grass. Bob Bultman also had great things to say and is concerned about the Red Maples dying out. A resident on Cty F has a lot of phragmites on his property. The wanted poster this month is highlighting phragmites. Would like to see if DCIST can address.

**Lighthouse:** No report.

**Landscaping at Sunset Park:** Thurman stated he would like to plant 1-2 trees and would like maintenance staff clean the weedy area. Will bring tree recommendations next month.

### **Consideration of Estimate Received to Remove Woody Invasive Species from Fish Creek Park:**

Ansley presented a proposal to remove buckthorn and other woody invasives from Fish Creek Park. Buckthorn and barberry would be the first to address for \$1500.

*Motion: (Ansley, Buske) to hire an outside source from the DCIST list to spend two days in FC Park to remove barberry and buckthorn not to exceed \$1500. Carried*

**2019 Budget:** The committee updated the budget spreadsheet for 2019.

*Motion: (Buske, Thurman) to recommend to the Town Board the 2019 Parks and Lands budget as discussed highlighting the additional funds needed for landscaping Clark Park after the well repair, additional tree planting and Creek Restoration. Carried*

**Next Meeting Date:** Tuesday, September 18, 2018 at 8:00 AM

**Adjourn:** *Motion: (Buske, Ansley) to adjourn at 9:32 AM. Carried*

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly Murre  
Deputy Clerk