

Approved: January 15, 2019

**TOWN OF GIBRALTAR
PARKS AND LANDS COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 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, and Dwayne Daubner
Absent: Tom Thurman

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: *Motion: (Buske, Ansley) to approve the minutes from the October 16, 2018 as written. Carried, Daubner abstained.*

Public Comment: Joni Witalison, Gibraltar Historical Association thanked the committee for their attention to Juddville Cemetery and asked for a future agenda item to discuss additional work. Volunteers would be interested in helping with spring cleanup. Will add to the January agenda.

Committee Reports

Chair: Hackbarth suggested changing the date of the December meeting to Tuesday, December 11th.

Gardens: Buske reported that the gardens are done for the year and will remove mums from the pots soon. She purchased a few items for next year.

Invasive Species: Ansley reported on the later agenda item regarding the Buckthorn proposal. Hackbarth would like to continue to monitor the Garlic Mustard at Sunset Park.

Lighthouse: No report

Tree Removal at Sunset Park: Buske presented a price quote from Dave's Tree Service to remove some very large Ash trees in Sunset Park. Two large dying ash trees, depending how they will fall, could threaten electrical wires, the Hidden Harbor fence, or a cluster of healthy trees. It is recommended to have them professionally removed. Dave's wouldn't be able to get to it until Spring 2019. Maintenance staff to do the cleanup and will contact WPS about tree #1. Will contact other vendors for price and availability.

Motion: (Hackbarth, Daubner) to proceed with having the trees removed. Carried.

Trash Receptacle Purchase: Ansley suggested the east location near the kiosk as a nice space for the trash receptacle. Buske has concerns about creating a blind spot. Daubner suggested the triple receptacle requested by the Building Committee at the Town Center. Hackbarth would like to wait until the concrete project is complete. Ansley suggests keeping it on Town property. At the edge near the Stubenvoll property is another possibility. *Motion: (Buske, Hackbarth) to purchase a double unit with location to be determined later. Carried, Ansley opposed.*

Consideration of Buckthorn Blaster Proposal: Ansley suggests purchasing the Buckthorn Blasters as promotional pieces for those that participate in removal of invasive species. Would like to include information on the website and in the next newsletter.

Motion: (Ansley, Buske) to purchase 50 Buckthorn Blasters to distribute to anyone interested and maintenance staff. Carried.

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Invasive Species Removal at Fish Creek Park: No update, will continue to put on the agenda with the Creek Restoration plan. Ansley will have more information next month.

Tree Removal at Fish Creek Park: No update. Need to obtain estimates and have maintenance continue to remove scotch pines. A large ash also needs to be removed near the trail.

Future Caretaking of Chambers Island Lighthouse: Hackbarth suggested finding someone to assist and learn from the Blahniks. Allowing the them to continue for as long as they wish, but also provide backup. Buske suggested inquiring with MaryAnn about some of their helpers. Would also like to advertise. Still interested in a Friends Group. But would like to give everyone an opportunity to apply. Kelly will locate the original caretaker ad from the 70s. Bonnie will draft a new ad.

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, December 11, 2018 at 8:00 AM

Adjourn: *Motion: (Buske, Daubner) to adjourn at 8:54 AM. Carried*

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly Murre
Deputy Clerk