

Approved: March 19, 2019

**TOWN OF GIBRALTAR
PARKS AND LANDS COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2019
MINUTES
8:00 A.M.**

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

Members Present: Buske stated that a quorum of the committee was present. Members present: Laurie Buske, Dwayne Daubner, Bonnie Ansley, and Tom Thurman (via teleconference)
Absent: Brian Hackbarth

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

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

Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting: *Motion: (Ansley, Thurman) to approve the minutes from the January 15, 2019 as written. Carried.*

Public Comment: Andrea Jauquet stated that the Building Committee has requested Parks and Lands make a decision regarding the playground equipment ASAP.

Committee Reports

Chair: No report

Gardens: Gardens are frozen

Invasive Species: Will be addressed later in the agenda

Lighthouse: Ansley asked MaryAnn to assist with drafting a list of caretaker's duties and a job description. Ansley would like the lighthouse to be on next month's agenda.

Juddville Cemetery Cleanup: Joni Witalison and Lynn Mercurio, representing GHA are requesting the left side of the cemetery (that was brushed last year) be included in regular lawn mowing. They also request the same to be done on the right side. A group of volunteers offered to clean and spruce up those areas with brushing and pruning. A volunteer would be willing to meet with maintenance staff to show which areas are to be brushed and mowed regularly. Thurman requests that brush only (no trees) be removed.

Motion: (Ansley, Daubner) to approve the volunteer work and brush removal, with additional mowing within the cemetery boundaries. Carried.

Reforestation of Fish Creek Park: Linda Merline would like to bring Gibraltar 5th graders to the creek to assist with tree planting and/or tree identification in conjunction with Arbor Day/Earth Day. It has been suggested to identify and protect the younger trees in the Park. Vinnie Chomeau, from the Friends of Gibraltar, is on board with the project and could also use the day as a learning opportunity on invasive species and the watershed.

The only concern is if the Park will be accessible in April, given the current amount of snow.

Buske suggested marking the trees with tags and protecting them with a variety of tubes.

It was also suggested to protect the Ash as they will still provide shade for the Creek.

Thurman suggests allocating money in 2019 to protect the trees.

Would like to hire someone like Bob Bultman, to identify and mark the trees.

Ansley, Buske, and Thurman would also volunteer that day. Ansley suggested that someone meet with Bultman to learn about what trees to look for.

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Will contact Dave and Bob Bultman to see if he will be interested in assisting with identifying the trees. Merline will work with the school to determine dates. Ansley will assist with invasive species. Thurman suggests determining where new trees could still be planted this year.

Tree Removal in Fish Creek Park: Buske would like to invite Acorn Tree Services to advise on the life of the Ash Trees. There is a grove in Fish Creek Park that needs to be addressed. At this time, it is difficult for anyone to get into the Park to prepare an estimate. Will be on next month's agenda.

Invasive Species Removal in Fish Creek Park: Ansley met with Kurt and Patrick to remove Barberry in Fish Creek Park. She also received a quote from Paul Regnier for treatment. Buske has concerns with the chemical usage and questions whether it is the best approach, considering its location near the creek and within the watershed. Buske will contact Regnier to inquire about the chemicals and will research other options.

2019 Projects: Need to obtain sign estimates and investigate which walls need to be repaired.

Fish Creek Beach Playground Equipment: This is the first conversation Parks and Lands has had regarding the new playground equipment at the beach. A more natural looking piece is preferred by some of the Town Board. Merline suggests observing what the children are most interested in as she has seen what is popular with the kids and what is not. Would like to inquire with a few teachers and parents to determine what would be best for the beach. It was suggested to create a sub-committee and inquire with Angela Sherman and other parents for their input. Will continue to be an agenda item.

Picnic Tables: Need to determine which parks will be best to install picnic tables. Buske suggested Noble Park. It was also suggested to have them made from composite materials. Daubner will research types and obtain estimates.

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, March 19, 2019 at 8:00 AM

A special joint meeting with the Plan Commission tentatively scheduled for March 26, 2019 at 6:00 PM

Adjourn: *Motion:(Daubner, Ansley) to adjourn at 9:33 AM. Carried*

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly Murre
Deputy Clerk