

**TOWN OF GIBRALTAR
PARKS AND LANDS COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2007
8:00 A.M.
GIBRALTAR COMMUNITY CENTER**

Call to Order: Andrea Kinsey-Jauquet, chairperson, called the Parks and Lands Committee meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

Members present were Andrea Kinsey-Jauquet, Ken Harrington, Carol Olson, and Pat Spielman.

Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting: It was moved by Harrington and seconded by Olson to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Krause Donation: Kinsey-Jauquet read the draft letter that will be sent to Alvin and Janet Krause commending them for their donation of land to the Town of Gibraltar. Olson will retype this letter and send to the Krauses. It was moved by Harrington and seconded by Olson to approve the letter to the Krauses. Motion carried unanimously.

Peninsula Art School – Cathy Hoke-Gonzales: Cathy explained they are planning a special event call Plein Air Festival for Saturday, July 28th at Clark Park. Thirty-nine artists from across the country will paint all around the county; however, on Saturday, July 28th it will only be held in Fish Creek. The Quick Paint Event will feature the 39 festival artists, painting in and around the downtown Fish Creek from 9 am – 11 a.m. After the painting is over there is an auction of the paintings immediately after a horn is blown. They are hoping to do a mini “paint out” in the park for children. The Art School will provide limited hotdogs and soda. The event will start at 9 am with the auction beginning between 11:30 to noon. Cathy will fill out a special event request and present this event to the Town Board at their March 7th meeting.

Fish Creek Park Report – Tim Biwer: The trails in Fish Creek Park have been brushed. The mud is hard but the snow is too deep to work in. .

Dam at Half File Bridge: Tim Biwer explained that Andy Redmann received a permit for the dam in the 1970’s. The permit is recorded with the Department of Natural Resources. Door County Soil and Water explained to Biwer that it was out of their hands. Kinsey-Jauquet stated that she wants to complete the background work, as there are grants available if the permit for this dam has expired. Olson reported that Terry Cooper and Dan Burk know what grants are available.

Gazebo Report: Kinsey-Jauquet showed the county permit for the gazebo that gets posted at the work site. Spielman displayed pictures of the gazebo that will be presented to the town board. Discussion was held regarding whether there should be one or two entrances.

Bridge Requirements Review: Kinsey-Jauquet explained that the permit process would be easier if there are no posts into the creek bed. The span across the creek is 35 feet. There was some discussion if this was the creek measurement of the high water mark. This project will be tabled until next year. Biwer will remove the tree that is in the creek.

Kiosk & Material Review – Carol Olson: Olson checked the Internet for different boxes for displaying information. Weather bulletin boards were reviewed. Olson also had pictures of the different kiosks in the county. One park had a place where you clean your feet so you don't take invasive species with you. Things to place in the kiosk (two boards on the front and back) are:

- A current map
- The invasive species cards along with a note that these cards are available in the Fish Creek Information Center
- An article stating what is being worked on such as;
 - The night skies
 - Replanting trees
 - Pollutions in the water
 - History of the area/park
 - Upcoming events at all parks
 - Maps locating all the parks in the county

Kinsey-Jauquet asked the committee members to review this kiosk information and pick the top three preferred kiosks. A roof is being considered for the kiosk so brochures are protected from the sun and also for visitors to stand under if raining.

Sailor Sam's Wall: Kinsey-Jauquet stated that Marston Anderson does not want to work on a project this large. Anderson did say that he would work on the stone repair at Clark Park when needed. Pat Hockers looked at the wall at Sailor Sam's. He suggested terracing possibly two or three steps instead of one wall; moving the wall back. The trees are really causing a problem at this area and should be taken out and left out. He is suggesting the wall be moved the wall. It could be done for a couple thousand dollars, or more if you wanted to get fancy. Biwer suggested the cheapest way to fix this wall would be to remove the wall, replace it with an eight-inch cement wall and cover the cement with Door County stone to match the wall on the other side of the sidewalk. (The eight-inch wall would be in further to allow for the Door County stone.) Two walkways are being considered in this wall area. This project is being considered for the fall of this year.

Stonework at Clark Park Wall: Olson stated that they are considering chevron parking on the south side of Maple Street by Clark Park with parking eliminated on the north side of Maple Street to eliminate car doors slamming into the stonewall and breaking stones off the wall. Biwer mentioned the large boats are lowered into the water at the east ramp and need more room than the chevron parking would permit. Harrington explained that if you eliminate the parking on the north side of Maple Street the width is not being reduced so it should not be a problem. Kinsey-Jauquet stated that with the chevron parking the number of parking spots should be the same. Harrington will draft the measurements for the chevron park for further review by the Parks and Lands Committee. Consideration will be given for the parking of trailers in the off-season. Priorities are:

- Kiosk (4' X 8' boards)
- A section of the stone wall at Clark Park (replacing missing stones)
- Sailor Sam's wall (fall of 2007)
- Foot bridge in 2008

These projects would be presented to the Town Board for approval.

Spring Clean Up Day and Volunteer Day: The date of Saturday and Sunday, May 5 and 6, will be Spring Clean Up with pick up on the 7th. For Volunteer Day the date will be set at next month's meeting.

Tree Planting: Harrington stated that he would talk to Mike regarding the tree planting.

Budget Update – Five-Year Plan: This issue was tabled until a later date.

Use of Room Tax Funds: Kinsey-Jauquet stated that 30% of the room tax collected remains in the community where collected and 70% goes to a fund that promotes tourism throughout the entire county. Communities are encouraged to use the 30% for tourism. Kinsey-Jauquet stated that maybe this could be used to build the kiosk for Fish Creek Park. The projects that we have could be funded by the room tax as it enhances our community for tourists, the stone walls, public bathrooms, etc.

Correspondence/Open Discussion: There was nothing to report.

Adjourn: It was moved by Olson and seconded by Harrington to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sharon Kellner, Clerk