

**TOWN OF GIBRALTAR  
PARKS AND LANDS COMMITTEE  
TUESDAY, JUNE 17, 2008  
GIBRALTAR TOWN CENTER  
4097 MAIN STREET FISH CREEK WI 54212  
8:00 A.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Andrea Kinsey-Jauquet called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:** All members introduced themselves, as there were two new members to this committee. The new members were welcomed to the committee.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Andrea Kinsey-Jauquet, Brian Hackbarth, Patricia Spielman, Curt Campbell and Renny Lea.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** It was moved by Pat Spielman and seconded by Brian Hackbarth to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**GARLIC MUSTARD REPORT:** Andrea Kinsey-Jauquet reported that a committee was formed to remove garlic mustard from Sunset Beach Park. Andrea received permission from Mrs. Schneider on Cottage Row to pull the garlic mustard on her property. In Fox Hall, Tom Goelz's development also has a lot of garlic mustard. Sharon Kellner will check John Fairchild, as Mrs. Schneider's employee, regarding the removal of garlic mustard on the Schneider property.

**STATEWIDE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:**

Brian Hackbarth gave his summary of Chapter 1.

The younger adults are interested in activities; however, the aging society shows a need for the good gathering areas. There is a shortage of shelters in the parks: whether for just gathering or for recreation. Brian stated that Peninsula State Park is reaching capacity. It is very popular but there is a fee to enter the park. An inventory of our present parks is needed and will be available for the next Parks and Lands Committee meeting. Do we need more parks? Do we get in competition with Peninsula State Park?

Upper Great Lakes Region

The urban population tends to use recreation in developed facilities where the rural population does not require developed facilities. Urbanites run, where rural residents do not. It has been found that the older populations are usually in the rural communities, and younger populations are in the urban communities. The active recreation needs less land where passive (walking) needs more land. The rural area has more open land and the urban area has less open land.

### Biking Trails

Riding Bikes on the sidewalks is a main recreation problem in Fish Creek, especially for safety reasons. More planned bike trails are needed. This will be discussed further.

Pat Spielman presented her summary of Chapter 3.

Chapter 3 involves the supply of outdoor recreation in Wisconsin. The Federally owned land offers opportunities for both active and passive recreation and are also involved in the conservation of forest, prairie, and water resources throughout the state. State WDNR lands include parks and natural areas, which provide a wide variety of outdoor recreation throughout the state. County owned forests and parks provide the largest amount of publicly owned acreage in the state. The outdoor recreational supply needs to be re-evaluated. Door County is an area under pressure due to tourism. There are grant funds available for this such as the Knowles/Nelson Stewardship Funds.

Discussion was held regarding the stonewalls, as they are a characteristic of the Town. We must work to keep them in good repair.

For the next meeting, Andrea will report on Chapter 2; Rennie will report on Chapter 4, Pat Spielman will report on Chapter 6 and Curt will report on Chapter 5.

Possible land locked parcels - purchase to form roads

**PART-TIME MAINTENANCE:** Andrea gave a summary of the need for obtaining hire earlier in the spring and through September. Sharon reported that the maintenance would like to have the support of the Parks and Lands Committee at budget time for this issue. It was moved by Brian Hackbarth and seconded by Pat Spielman to support hiring a part-time person for maintenance from April through September. Motion carried unanimously.

### **CORRESPONDENCE/DISCUSSION:**

Rennie Lea stated that she remembers when fish would go upstream under the bridge over Fish Creek. When the state highway was re-done in the 1960's the creek bed changed and now fish don't go upstream. She will follow through with the WDNR regarding this issue. Rennie also stated that the invasive species Dames Rocket has invaded her property. She has been working on this for several years. Andrea will contact Bob Bultman regarding this and maybe his crew can assist her.

Curt suggested placing a donation box on Kiosk during the building process. This will be considered at a future meeting. Pat Spielman will draft a new plan for a slightly smaller kiosk for Fish Creek Park.

Andrea had a brochure regarding Wendy Carpenter and Darrell Ashbury selling cedar products with the money going to Peninsula State Park and Fish Creek Parks.

The committee reviewed work that still needs to be completed:

- Repair the bridge in Fish Creek Park
- Curb Cut at Fish Creek Public Beach
- Clean Storms Sewers
- Beach needs cleaning
- Windmill property needs cleaning/Sharon will contact Jim Peterson
- Obtain sight map of Clark Park from Sprinkler Company
- Dead cedar on west side of public beach
- Entrance garden to village – Sharon will contact Linda
- Steps in front of Hide Side

Brian requested budget figures for the committee members for the next meeting.

It was moved by Brian and seconded by Rennie to adjourn. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 9:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Kellner, Clerk