

**TOWN OF GIBRALTAR
PARKS AND LANDS COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2009
GIBRALTAR TOWN CENTER
4097 HIGHWAY 42 FISH CREEK WI
8:00 A.M.**

Call to Order: Andrea Kinsey-Jauquet called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Members Present: Andrea Kinsey-Jauquet, Pat Spielman, Brian Hackbarth and new member Jayson Merkel were present. Renny Lea was absent.

Approve of the Minutes: It was moved by Pat Spielman and seconded by Brian Hackbarth to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Portables Upgrade Report – Brian Hackbarth: Our present supplier has a little larger portable unit and will fit in our enclosure. He will supply it at the same cost. Brian checked with an out of town supplier but it would cost several thousand dollars for an event. It was moved by Pat Spielman and seconded by Brian Hackbarth to upgrade to the larger unit at no extra charge. Motion carried unanimously.

Update 5-Year Plan: 2009

Ongoing

- *Acquire Property on either/both sides of the public beach.
(Designate an Official Town Planning Map) Obtain a legal opinion regarding this issue.*
- *Right of First Refusal on Helen Allen Property.*
- *Purchase Land for parking North or South of Village.*
- *Driveways “Angle” made level to Accommodate Handicap Persons (As properties are repaired or new construction.)*

2009

- Masonry Work at Clark Park (1/3 done in 2008)
- Two Crosswalks made Handicap Accessible
- Build Kiosk
- Cemetery Development – Advisory in Plan
- Re-do Signage of Trails in Fish Creek Park

2010

- Two Crosswalks made Handicap Accessible
- Masonry Work at Clark Park
- Sidewalk from Gibraltar Grill to Top of the Hill
- Playground Equipment at Public Beach
- Sprinkler System at all Parks (Public Beach, Fish Creek Park, Sunset Beach)
- Repair Wall at Sailor Sam’s

2011

- Replace Sidewalk at Clark Park and Town Hall (Hazard Due to Slippery Surface)
- Two Crosswalks made Handicap Accessible
- Fish Creek Park to Include Public Restrooms
- Sprinkler system at all Parks (well, pump and electricity)
- Widen Sidewalks along Hwy 42 in Village area
- Grates – anything dumped in here goes into the Bay water.

2012

- Two Crosswalks made Handicap Accessible
- Increase number of Street Sweeping
- Sidewalk on Highway 42 to Top of the Hill Shops
- Landscaping at Blossomberg Cemetery
- Widen Sidewalks along Hwy 42 in Village area
- Grates – anything dumped in here goes into the Bay water.

This 5-Year Plan will be reviewed at next month's meeting.

It was moved by Brian Hackbarth and seconded by Pat Spielman to allow picnicking in the Town Parks, except Champagne Rock. Motion carried unanimously. This will need to be brought to the Gibraltar Town Board for approval.

Sharon Kellner will contact Marston Anderson to remind him about the stone wall repair in Clark Park.

Review Park Assessment Report for Plan Commission: The Gibraltar Plan Commission requested the Park Assessment Report be revised to a Parks Assessment Actions and Time Lines Report. This will be presented to the Gibraltar Plan Commission on Tuesday, January 27th.

Top Priority:

- Acquisition of Addition Public Beach Property: The time line is beyond our control, but the township should be prepared and seek information now as to what grants might be available, percentage of financial assistance and legal assistance and/or opinion. Perhaps consult with neighboring communities who have recently acquire waterfront properties as to process and potential difficulties.
- Bike Path: Immediately identify the bike paths we currently have either with upright signage or painted symbols on the paths themselves. Design a safe route through the village center and connecting routes. The acquisition of easements and properties is beyond the scope of this committee. We would recommend that the Commission work with: "The Door County Silent Sports Association" and the neighboring communities to design a comprehensive plan.
 - Possible eliminate parking on one side of the street, and providing a bike lane.

On Going:

- Collaborate with the Gibraltar School District seeking share use of facilities.
 - Seek out other communities that have arranged shared facilities
 - Begin dialogue
- Assess the feasibility of recreational facilities at available community owned land at the airport.

Additional Land for Parks:

- Once the above information and issues studies and resolved, additional land for parks should be identified keeping in mind areas to be serviced and the needs.

After reviewing the above proposed Actions and Time Lines, Pat Spielman mentioned the possibility of more parking area for cars in the boat trailer parking lot. This would need to go before the town board and there may be some DNR restrictions on the land.

Andrea Kinsey-Jauquet mentioned there is a conflict between users of the same facility, such as, cross-country skiers using the same trails a snowmobilers. The snowmobilers don't mind share the same facility ; but the cross-country skiers don't like sharing with the snowmobilers.

Sharon Kellner will check with the Highway Department regarding obtaining a lower cost of street sweeping and having the sweeper go slower to gather all the dust and dirt.

Correspondence/Open Discussion: Brian Hackbarth stated that he has received several comments about flowers needed in Fish Creek Park. Andrea Kinsey-Jauquet stated this park was to be more natural.

Advertising for garden care for 2009 season will be on the February Agenda. This will need to be placed in the paper for bids. Jayson Merkel stated that someone like Caleb Whitney would be a good person to do the gardens; that we need a professional to do the gardens. Jayson Merkel also stated that garden containers are a good way to go, using water crystals to keep the containers moist.

Terms up for 2009 are Andrea Kinsey-Jauquet, Pat Spielman and Brian Hackbarth. Brian is the only one who stated he will be seeking another term. Pat Spielman stated that she talked with Becky Fund who is willing to be on the Parks and Lands Committee.

Adjourn: It was moved by Jayson Merkel and seconded by Brian Merkel to adjourn and the meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Kellner, Clerk