

**TOWN OF GIBRALTAR
PARKS AND LANDS COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 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, Brian Hackbarth, Renny Lea and Jayson Merkel were present. Pat Spielman was excused absent.

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

Sprinkling System of Old Town Hall: The sprinkling system for the old Gibraltar Town Hall came in at a price of \$2,638 for the east side and the bedded area, with the west side at a price of \$1,215, for a total of \$3,853.

Gardening Proposals: Ward Merkel reported that Green Side Up was approved by the Town for the gardens in the town. Green Side Up charges \$42.50 per hour for consultation. So far the Maintenance Department has removed the trees and soil from the gardens in front of the Old Town Hall. Only the triangle in front of the Town Hall will be a flower garden, carrying the theme of the Gibraltar Marigolds. The other two areas will be seeded for grass. The garden at the Welcome Sign will be reduced to where the light is placed. This garden has no water facilities so is very difficult to maintain, so reducing the size of the garden area will make watering go further. Green Side Up will check the gardens for the town weekly for consultation.

Stone Wall Repair at Clark Park: Tim Biwer reported that Marston Anderson has been contacted the repair the wall at Clark Park. After the dock we should have Marston doe the repair at Champaign Rock. Andrea reported the steps at Sunset Beach Park needs further repair; two steps that are really bad. Tim Biwer stated that he would be able to repair the steps.

Invasive Species – Initiate Volunteer Group: Andrea contacted Bob Merline regarding invasive species, who recommended using the team that works on the watershed study to also work on invasive species. Renny Lea suggested getting Bob Bultman to give a little seminar to the group working on invasive species.

Goals Moving Forward: Discussion was held regarding someone giving the Parks and Lands Committee report to the Town Board meetings.

Andrea showed a sign of instructions from Blossomberg Cemetery that needs to be replaced. Tim Biwer has other sign that need to be created by Hartmann Signs so he'll

take this sign to Hartmann at the same time. It was moved by Ward Merkel and seconded by Andrea Kinsey-Jauquet to have Hartmann replace the sign of instructions from Blossomberg Cemetery. It was decided to have the Old Town Hall sign replaced by Hartmann Signs also.

Brian Hackbarth stated that Tom Birmingham is on vacation and will contact Brian upon his return regarding the construction of the kiosk at Fish Creek Park.

Andrea expressed concern for playground equipment in the town, keeping in mind that it should be able to be expanded if more land for the beach could be obtained. Brian stated that the beach may not be the best place for playground equipment as the setback from the high watermark and the setback from the State Highway doesn't leave a lot of room, plus add in the need for restrooms if playground equipment is installed.

Andrea reminded the committee about a sprinkler system at the public beach in the future. Also the need for a sprinkler system at Sunset Beach Park.

Andrea reminded the committee about Sailor Sam's retaining wall that needs to be replaced. Brian Hackbarth reported that he has been talking with an engineer regarding this wall and has some ideas.

Andrea reminded the committee also mentioned keeping the idea of extending the sidewalk up the hill to the school.

Discussion was held regarding the trails in Fish Creek Park. A park specialist mentioned to Andrea that the entrance to Fish Creek Park on the west side creates confusion and should be eliminated. A bridge over the creek was also discussed.

It was moved by Brian Hackbarth and seconded by Andrea Kinsey-Jauquet to approve the Sprinkler System Company's bid for the sprinkler system of \$2,638 at the Old Town Hall, with the alternate area west of the Old Town Hall of \$1,215 to be approved by the clerk. Motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence/Open Discussion: None at this time.

Adjourn: It was moved by Brian Hackbarth and seconded by Renny Lea to adjourn and the meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Kellner, Clerk