

TOWN OF GIBRALTAR
PARKS AND LANDS COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2009

GIBRALTAR TOWN CENTER

8:00 A.M.

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

Members Present: Brian Hackbarth, Jayson Merkel, Renny Lea, Mike Ashley and Laurie Buske. Also present was Tim Biwer.

Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting: It was moved by Mike Ashley and seconded by Jayson Merkel to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Wall at Sailor Sams: Discussion was held regarding the repair of the wall in front of Sailor Sams. Renny Lea stated the large tree needs to be removed as it is causing the wall to collapse. Jayson Merkel stated there is a product called "Server" which is a root killer that kills roots down to four feet. Jayson thought this would be helpful in this situation. Tim Biwer stated steps are needed in the middle of the garden in front of Sailor Sams. Jayson stated the wall needs to be rebuilt and the wall needs to match the wall on the other side of the sidewalk. It was moved by Jayson and seconded by Laurie to request bids again for this for work to be done next year due to budget constraints. Motion carried unanimously.

Recreation Plan Review: The committee members discussed the possibility of a recreation area at the Ephraim-Gibraltar Airport. Items considered were football field, soccer field, tennis courts, basketball court, playground for family events/picnics, walking trails, horseback riding, and softball, with the volleyball court to remain. Brian will talk with the Village of Ephraim, the Airport Commission and also the Town of Gibraltar to obtain permission to continue investigating this possibility.

Kiosk Report: Brian reported the kiosk is completed and has contacted Andrea Kinsey-Jauquet regarding a history for the back of the kiosk. Fish Creek Park brochures will be placed in the front containers.

Railing at Public Beach: Brian received a bid of \$280 for a stairway railing on one side of the Public Beach stairs. It was moved by Renny Lea and seconded by Laurie Buske to accept the Biwer proposal. Motion carried unanimously.

Open Discussion: Laurie Buske reminded Tim Biwer about moving the little cedars to the new location behind HideSide Casuals after the Fourth of July. Renny Lea stated that there are complaints regarding the gardens at the Town Hall and the Schreiber Gardens. It was explained that with the limited budget and the invasive weeds at the two gardens the soil needed to be replaced and still shows signs of the same invasive weeds. Beth Hagen is working on this problem every few days. The clerk will talk with Mary Anderson and see if she would do an article for the paper explaining our problem with these gardens. Laurie and Jayson will work on garden maintenance and planting costs for the 2010 Budget.

Brian and Jayson will talk with the Town Board about the problem of emergency vehicles not having enough room on Cottage Row Road from the shore to Main Street. Tim Biwer reported the Public Beach area needs 5-6 yards of sand, surrounded by 6X6's.

It was moved by Renny Lea and seconded by Laurie Buske to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:58 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Kellner, Clerk