

**TOWN OF GIBRALTAR
PARKS & LANDS COMMITTEE MEETING
4097 MAIN STREET FISH CREEK WI 54212
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2011
8:00 A.M.**

Call to Order: Brian Hackbarth called the Parks and Lands Committee meeting to order at 8:02 a.m.

Present were: Brian Hackbarth, Laurie Buske, Mike Ashley, and Renny Lea. Jayson Merkel was absent.

Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting: It was moved by Renny and seconded by Laurie to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2011 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment: None at this time.

Chair Report: Brian Hackbarth asked about the progress of the removal of the downed trees at Fish Creek Park. Tim Biwer reported Craig Hass will do it and will charge \$60 an hour. Tim stated it will be done the first week of March.

Sub-Committee Reports:

Invasive Species: Renny reported she met with Marnie Kaeske to start planning for the coming growing season.

Identify volunteer leaders and contact them for training in April/May.

Announce training in Gibraltar Newsletter.

Have workshops (5-6) throughout the year.

Work on persistent problem areas.

Workshop with garlic mustard will be done early in the growing season.

Marnie has also contacted Joel Blahnik regarding invasive species on Chambers Island.

Gardens: Laurie reported we can't tell how the plants survived yet. The Master Gardeners' sale will be fairly soon and Laurie would like to buy some plants. The consensus was to allow Laurie to have a budget up to \$600 and contact the Town Office when she reaches that amount.

Chambers Island Lighthouse Property: Joel is working with Jon Gast regarding the Lighthouse Tour. Only 13 tourists will be on the boat at a time, so it should be workable. Joel has been working with five contractors for replacement of the Lighthouse roof. Four have withdrawn and Randy Monfils hasn't replied as of today.

The Retreat House on the island is in a state of flux at this time so we'll have to wait to see what happens. It is 6.1 miles from the Fish Creek Municipal Dock to Chambers Island. Keeping track of tourists who visit the Lighthouse is important when applying for grants. Forming a "Friends of the Chambers Island Lighthouse" was discussed and Joel felt many of the islanders would volunteer. Marianne Blahnik discussed having a "Town Picnic" on Chambers Island. Discussion was held regarding having the town agree to haul lumber and shingles out and the debris back to the mainland. This might encourage bidders.

Fish Creek Civic Association Kiosk Landscaping: Dave Bultman reported the plants that are planned for the Fish Creek Civic Association kiosk are too tall for the kiosk area. It was felt that the landscape company did not view the area for the kiosk. Laurie recommended meeting with Bob Spielman to discuss the problem and the recommendations. A grass edge is recommended to hold the mulch and it was discussed as to who would mow the area. It is the Town's land and with one strip of mowing, the Maintenance Department may end up mowing. However, Laurie recommended using local landscapers to maintain the area.

Quote for Sailor Sam's Wall Stone Veneer: Mike recommended leaving the wall as it is without the stone and use the money somewhere else as needed. Sharon will check with Tim Biwer to obtain bids.

2011 Goals: Laurie questioned the improvement of sand at the Public Beach which the DNR rejected. The steps across from White Gull Inn at Sunset Beach Trail needs repair. The hole by the wall at the Public Beach needs to be patched. The beach playground area needs to be backfilled.

Volleyball Court Property: Brian reported the Airport Commission is working on their Master Plan. Brian has been trying to get the Airport Commission to set aside the seven acres for the rec areas from the airport property. The Airport Commission does not seem to be in favor of this. It was moved by Mike and seconded by Laurie to have a joint meeting with the Airport Commission to discuss the future of the rec field.

Adjourn: It was moved by Renny and seconded by Mike to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 9:32 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sharon Kellner, Clerk