

**TOWN OF GIBRALTAR  
PARKS & LANDS COMMITTEE MEETING  
4097 MAIN STREET FISH CREEK WI 54212  
TUESDAY, July 19th, 2011  
8:00 a.m.**

**Call to Order:** Brian Hackbarth called the Parks and Lands Committee meeting to order at 8:01 a.m.

Committee Members Present: Brian Hackbarth, Renny Lea, Jayson Merkel  
Mike Ashley arrived at 8:03  
Laurie Buske excused absence  
Public Present: Dave Bultman, Joel Blahnik

**Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting:** *It was moved by Merkel and seconded by Lea to approve the minutes as presented of the May 17th, 2011 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.*

**Chair Report:** Hackbarth reported that the FC Kiosk walkway will be discussed at the August committee meeting. He hopes that more quotes will come in before then. He also reported that Dan Doerr would like to donate a bench for Clark Park. Hackbarth noted that the town is in need of six new benches. They would remove the “nice” bench at Clark Park and relocate it to where a new one is needed. Then replace that bench with the one donated by Dan Doerr. Hackbarth reported that he had already ordered the bench, with approval from Beth Hagen; it is being made by Spielman’s.

**Sub-Committee Reports:**

**Invasive Species:** Lea reported that the more in-depth a person gets with invasive species the more they find. She also reported the dame’s rocket meeting was not well attended due to rain. Lea discussed the two October meeting dates and the possibility of going to Chambers Island.

**Gardens:** Hackbarth reported from Buske’s submitted letter. Buske noted that there is a lot of Poison Ivy in Sunset Park. Hackbarth asked if the maintenance department could address that issue.

**Public Comment:** Bultman commented that the Fish Creek Civic Association Kiosk gardens look good.

**Request for New Outside Trash Containers:** Hackbarth reported that Mitch Larson was going to give a presentation. Larson was not present to give the presentation.

**Tree Donation Request for Clark Park:** Hackbarth reported that the Vansistine family would like to donate a tree in Clark Park in memory of Katie Doarr. Merkel asked if the family would consider putting the tree in Fish Creek Park instead of Clark Park. *It was moved by Lea and seconded by Ashley to table the tree donation request until further information is gathered in regards to the current trees in Clark Park.*

**Donation Request**

**Additional Benches Clark Park:** Hackbarth reported that Dan Doerr would like to donate two benches that face each other at Clark Park. Doerr would like the benches to be

located near the Town Dock Boathouse and parking area. Ashley stated that he spoke to Dan Doerr about putting in a chess table with the benches. Merkel's concern was with anchoring the benches. He suggested that maybe a different design would be best instead of having steel posts sticking out in the winter. Hackbarth asked Merkel to investigate a better anchoring system for the benches. *It was moved by Lea and seconded by Ashley to accept Dan Doerr's donation request for two additional benches facing each other at Clark Park. The benches are to be placed as such not to obstruct the view of the bay. The bench material will be determined later.* Merkel suggested that the committee look into other low maintenance building material for the benches. Motion carried unanimously. Ashley volunteered to look into building material for the two new benches as well as speaking with Bob Spielman.

**Chambers Island Light House:** Joel Blahnik reported that he is happy about the Light house roof repair. He also reported that the Chambers Island Association meeting will be in a few weeks. He also stated that he is instructing a program for new property owners on Chambers Island. The program will be a brief history of the Island. Hackbarth asked if Blahnik was keeping a record of hours of labor for maintaining the lighthouse. Blahnik stated that he was not at this time; however, he would in the future. Hackbarth asked if there were any issues with the Light House. Blahnik stated that only little things, like a belt for the lawnmower were taken care of. However, all-in-all they are doing ok. Hackbarth also asked Blahnik if he had submitted the Light house bills to Hagen and followed that by reminding the committee that the Light House budget would be added to Parks and Lands next year.

**Review Signage at Fish Creek Park per DNR Proposal:** Lea reported that she contacted Christine Halbur with the DNR and stated that because the property for Fish Creek Park was obtained partial with funds from the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program we have to comply with the signage requirements. The new updated stewardship sign is available without charge; however, the usage sign has to be purchased. The sign has to say what is allowed and prohibited in Fish Creek Park. The sign also has to say who owns the stewardship land. Hackbarth asked Lea if she would come up with a proposal for the wording on the sign.

**Fish Creek Park Signage:** Ashley reported that he spoke with his brother-in-law about replacing the signs in Fish Creek Park. His brother-in-law can make the signs on vinyl but only in one color. Hackbarth asked if we had a price quote for making the signs. Ashley said it would be cheap. Hackbarth asked Ashley to get a comprehensive quote for printing all of the signs on vinyl.

**Sailor Sam Wall Plantings:** Hackbarth read Buske's letter in her absence. Buske suggested putting in low-profile shrubs, grasses or yucca's would work in the Sailor Sam Wall. The shrubs would be the same as the ones at the Town hall. Buske also asked if the corner with the power cord could be addressed. The committee's only concern was with the plants maintenance over the winter and spring with snow and ice build-up. Bultman said he would discuss the matter with Buske before the August committee meeting.

**Donation of Profits from Sale of Patty Keuck's Photos:** Hackbarth reported that the Keuck family would like to donate money to the Parks and Lands committee from sales of her photographs. *It was moved by Merkel and seconded by Lea to accept the profits from the sales of Patty Keuck's photos for use by the Parks and Lands Committee. Motion carried unanimously.*

**Fish Creek Civic Association request for a new Electrical Box at Clark Park:** Hackbarth read Bob Spielman's email. The FCCA would like to request the Parks and Lands Committee to upgrade the electrical system at Clark Park. The approximate cost for this upgrade is \$1,500. This request is to replace the existing electric box. The FCCA BOD would like the Parks and Lands Committee to implement and pay for the upgrade. In the event Parks and Lands does not

have the funds for the upgrade in 2011, the FCCA may, through Board of Directors approval, offer to cover this expense. The FCCA would like to initiate the upgrade this coming September or October. Hackbarth reported that Parks and Lands does not have money in this year's budget for this request, however, maybe it could be put into next year's budget. *It was moved by Ashley and seconded by Merkel to deny FCCA's request for a new electric box at Clark Park. Motion carried unanimously.*

**Fish Creek Civic Association request for 2 additional Electrical Boxes at Clark Park:** No additional information at this time.

**Adjourn:** *It was moved by Lea and seconded by Ashley to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 9:06 a.m.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Julia Maskell  
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer