

**TOWN OF GIBRALTAR  
PARKS AND LANDS COMMITTEE MEETING  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2011  
GIBRALTAR TOWN CENTER 4097 MAIN ST FISH CREEK WI  
8:00 A.M.**

**Call to Order:** Brian Hackbarth called the meeting to order at 8:02 A.M.

**Roll Call/Quorum:** A quorum was done with the following members present: Brian Hackbarth, Jayson Merkel, Renny Lea, and Laurie Buske. Mike Ashley was absent. Also present were MaryAnn Blahnik and Beth Hagen.

**Adopt Agenda:** It was moved by Jayson and seconded by Laurie to adopt the agenda as posted. Motion carried.

**Walking Tour:** The walking tour of the Parks and Lands Committee members started at this point and will resume when they return to the Gibraltar Town Center. Buske requested that the electrical box at Clark Park be secured. The committee members returned and the meeting resumed at 9:35 a.m.

**Approve Minutes:** It was moved by Laurie and seconded by Renny to approve the minutes of August 16, 2011. Motion carried. It was moved by Laurie and seconded by Jayson to approve the minutes of August 23, 2011. Motion carried.

**Chair Report:** Brian had nothing to report at this time.

**Sub-Committee Reports:**

**Gardens:** Laurie reported that everything is looking good and she will be changing the color of the tulips at Sailor Sam's to pink.

**Invasive Species:** Renny reported there will be two Honeysuckle eradication workshops at Fish Creek Park at 3:30 p.m. on October 19<sup>th</sup> and also on October 26<sup>th</sup>. Renny will inquire about updating the poster for display at the Fish Creek Post Office this fall. Laurie explained there is a new guidance counselor at Gibraltar School and suggest Rennie talk to her regarding students working on community service. Laurie reported there is still a lot of poison ivy at Sunset Park that needs to be sprayed and please let Tim know so he can have the spray available for us.

**Chambers Island Lighthouse:** MaryAnn Blahnik reported the roof is to be replaced in October. She is recommending that a new refrigerator be considered as the present one is very old and needs to be replaced. Joel plans to have the Lighthouse closed for the season by October 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Tree Lawn Hide Side/Founders Square:** The second and third trees in front of Hideside/Founders Square that look sickly or dead are to be removed. The tree in front of Wilkins and Olander that has some dead limbs needs to have these limbs removed. It was moved by Jayson and seconded by Rennie to recommend this action to the Town Board. Motion carried.

**Tree Donation for Clark Park:** A second tree planted next to the sprinkler system box has died in Clark Park. It is recommended that the tree be removed and sent to Madison to determine the cause of death before planting another tree. It was moved by Jayson and seconded by Laurie to recommend to the town board that approval be given for the donation of an ornamental tree by the Van Sistine family in the northwest corner of Clark Park by the QuoVadis boat ramp. The tree will be ordered and planted next year. Motion carried.

**Benches Donation at Clark Park:** During the walking tour it was decided to recommend to the town board that two benches be allowed in Clark Park in the northeast corner with the benches facing each other.

**Fish Creek Park DNR Signage:** Renny Lea reported that no information has been received from the DNR regarding the grant signage. Brian Hackbarth suggested placing the sign already received, leaving enough room for the other needed sign when the information is received. This was amenable with all committee members.

**Fish Creek Park Signage:** Jayson requested that this agenda item be placed on a future agenda to allow time to review the trails in Fish Creek Park to designate them and correctly identify the plants.

**Public Comment:** MaryAnn Blahnik and Beth Hagen stated the Parks and Lands Committee is doing a good job.

**Adjourn:** It was moved by Renny and seconded by Jayson to adjourn. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sharon Kellner