

**TOWN OF GIBRALTAR
PARKS AND LANDS COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2012 MINUTES
GIBRALTAR TOWN CENTER
8:00 A.M.**

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

Present: Chairman Hackbarth stated that a quorum of the committee was present.

Proper Notice/Adopt Agenda: Hackbarth verified the agenda had been properly noticed.

Motion: (Ashley/Olson) to adopt the agenda as posted. Carried.

Approve Minutes: *Motion: (Buske/Kaeske) to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2012 meeting as written. Carried.*

Committee reports:

Chair: Marston Anderson sadly passed away before work was started on the Sunset Beach Wall. Hackbarth asked the Town Board to carry over funds for next year. Budget was approved last night by the electors.

Gardens: Buske is waiting for temperatures to drop before pruning the rose bushes at Spruce Park. Town Hall and Sailor Sams gardens are all put away for the winter. She has been planting bulbs. Soil at Sailor Sams is bad. She has added compost, but needs continued work. A deer has been eating/pruning the mums at the town center, it has been doing a good job. The stone work at the Town Center flower bed is starting to get bad. Noble Square flower bed will be removed and redesigned. Andrea Jauquet received some burning bushes from the Ridges that will be added to the property. Will still like to prune and clean up at Sunset Park. Purchased fertilizer tablets.

Lighthouse: Rick Jacob was out at the lighthouse last week to repair the kitchen floor. The new fridge went out and the old came back with the lawn mowers that need to be repaired.

Invasive Species: A lot of problems with Garlic Mustard on Cottage Row. Kaeske suggests a letter to its residents. Kaeske will draft a letter and will also include information in the Spring Newsletter.

Public Comment: None

Sunset Beach Wall Repair: Last month, Marston Anderson, the mason we hired for the Sunset Beach wall repair unexpectedly passed away. Hackbarth asked the Town Board to carry over the funds for next year. May need to re-advertise, Ashley suggests Travis Price who he met with earlier this year. Last week in November/first week in December works best for everyone to meet with him at Sunset Beach. The goal is to make a decision this winter

Advertise for Mason Work at Sunset Beach for 2013:

Motion: (Kaeske/Ashley) to advertise for mason work at sunset beach for the 2013 season. Carried.

Tree Removal at Noble Square: Buske would like to remove some trees at Noble Square. A box elder that was damaged in last year's wind storm and a cluster in the middle of the park. Box Elders drop a lot of leaves and twigs and think removing this would allow other trees to flourish.

After the meeting the committee went to Noble Square to observe and make a decision regarding the trees to be removed.

Buske pointed out the trees in question. It was evident that they were interfering with other trees; specifically a Maple that is in the middle of a grouping. There was one near the edge of the park close to the Hide Side Boutique. It was questioned whether that was on park property or hide Side's. Kelly will research further.

Motion: (Olson/Kaeske) to remove the Box Elders in the middle of the park. Carried.

Storm water runoff and landscaping at Sunset Beach: Kaeske presented handouts that sampled drain basins to filter runoff to prevent pollutants running into the Bay. These stormwater plans will act as a biofilter. Upkeep and maintenance is a concern to prevent clogging. She had been in contact with Estella Lauter who has been implementing storm water plans around other parks and beaches. She discussed the possibility of other funding for this type of plan. She is looking into contractors that do this type of work. Olson will contact a civil engineer that she worked with previously for additional advice. Kaeske is looking to gather information, at this time.

Approve 2013 Mulch purchase: Kelly contacted Algoma lumber to get rates for next year. Unfortunately, they won't have next year's rates until next month. Based on this year's rate, one truckload of mulch will cost \$638. \$700 is built into the budget.

Motion: (Buske/Olson) to approve purchase of mulch for 2013 up to \$700. Carried.

Trash Container/ Recycling Receptacle: Money in the budget for 2013 to purchase another trash receptacle. Is there a need somewhere in town? Buske asked John Fairchild if he knew of a need. Clark Park currently does not have a recycling container. Kelly will look into prices for a single recycling trash container.

Lighthouse Tuckpointing and Eave Troughs: Hackbarth stated that lighthouse repairs have been built into the budget for next year. These were recommendations from the Building Committee. It was suggested that we forward these repairs to the Building Committee to facilitate.

Motion: (Hackbarth/ Ashley) to forward lighthouse tuck pointing and eave trough repairs to the Building Committee up to \$2500. Carried.

Adjourn: *Motion: (Olson/Buske) to adjourn at 9:05 a.m. Carried.*

Respectfully Submitted

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