

Approved: October 15, 2013

**TOWN OF GIBRALTAR
PARKS AND LANDS COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2013 MINUTES
GIBRALTAR TOWN CENTER
8:00 A.M.**

Call to Order: Brian Hackbarth called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m.

Present: Chairman Hackbarth stated that a quorum of the committee was present. Members present: Brian Hackbarth, Laurie Buske and Carol Olson
Absent: Bob Spielman and Marne Kaeske

Proper Notice/Adopt Agenda: Hackbarth verified the agenda had been properly noticed.
Motion: (Buske/Olson) to adopt the agenda as posted. Carried.

Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings: *Motion: (Buske/Olson) to approve the minutes of August 20, 2013 as written. Carried*

Committee reports:

Gardens- Buske reported that she will soon be planting bulbs. Noble Square will also be adding more bulbs, which were donated anonymously. Buske will also be planting more dwarf irises. A new location has been determined for the burning bush near the corner of the annex. She would like to meet with the Town Maintenance to do more fall pruning. Buske stated that a Cedar needs trimming and would still like to remove a couple of box elders. Bultman stated that the top of a large poplar came down near the windmill property. Need to have the Maintenance crew remove the dead limbs and tree.

Invasive Species- No report

Chair- Signs have been painted at Noble Square, the Juddville and Blossomberg cemeteries and the Boat Trailer parking lot.

The trees have been removed at Sunset Beach. The Park looks really nice without the trees. Pigeon Asphalt will be here the first or second week in October. We will coordinate completion of the masonry work at the wall and landscaping in October.

Lighthouse- M. Blahnik reported that the kitchen floor has been repaired and Jacobs found no major problem. She would like to purchase an extension ladder. They will probably be closing up the lighthouse this weekend for the winter. They are also considering leaving the solar panel up over the winter. Is it possible to cover the panel for protection. Buske stated that may pose a fire hazard. Olson will inquire with a friend about the solar panels.

Public Comment: Dave Bultman asked if anyone has volunteered to clean the sidewalks. Mrs. Pat Spielman has been cleaning up sidewalks and picking up litter for many years on her daily walk. A huge thank you to her. They look great this year. Carol recommended that we create a recognition award, to be on next month's agenda. Mary Ann Blahnik asked if residents could be reminded to take better care of their marigolds in the Spring Newsletter.

Christmas Wreaths: Carol presented two styles of wreaths; a shorter needle blue spruce or a long needle wreath. The grapevine wreaths that were used last year were not well received.

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Carol offered to donate for half the cost for the replacements. Carol will shop around to see if we could get a better rate for buying in bulk.

Motion: (Hackbarth/Buske) to approve the purchase of 65 long needle wreaths up to \$17.49 each. Carried

Kinsey Bench Donation: Bob Spielman was contacted by an individual who would like to purchase a bench for the Dock in memory of Charlie Kinsey. The practice has been to not have names in memory of on the benches. However, Charlie Kinsey was a long time resident of Fish Creek and active with the Harbor. The Committee prefers the memorial that is used on the Slaby bench at the Town Center.

Motion: (Buske/Olson) to recommend to the Harbor Commission to accept the bench donation in memory of Charlie Kinsey. Carried

Donation Requests: The Committee has received several bench donation requests. We will review the bench inventory this fall to determine new locations and replacements. It would be a good practice to date the benches with any repairs.

Mary Ann inquired about the phragmites project and the donation request from Debbie and Russ Feirer.

Adjourn: *Motion: (Buske/Olson) to adjourn at 8:53 a.m. Carried.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly Murre
Deputy Clerk