

Approved: March 18, 2014

**TOWN OF GIBRALTAR
PARKS AND LANDS COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2014 MINUTES
GIBRALTAR TOWN CENTER
8:00 A.M.**

Call to Order: Brian Hackbarth called the meeting to order at 8:04 a.m.

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

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

Committee reports:

Gardens- Buske reported that she is looking into new planters. Will be able to present next month. She will also be taking a class on tree health.

Invasive Species- No report

Lighthouse- Blahnik has received a request for a picnic on Aug. 6th by the DC Land Trust

Chair: No report

Public Comment: Blahnik suggested similar railing to that at the White Gull Inn for the Noble House

DC-Ist Coordinator Invasive Species Presentation: Kari Hegenow, DC-Ist coordinator, gave a presentation on Invasive Species.

Landscaping at Noble Square: An estimate was received from Four Season's Maintenance; for landscaping at Noble Square, to level and add dirt. Buske suggested coordinating the landscaping with the installation of the anchor and removing the box elder; as to not damage the newly planted grass.

Motion: (Kaeske/Buske) to approve hiring Four Season Maintenance for landscaping at Noble Square for \$856. Carried.

Approve Sunset Beach Park Bench Purchase: Last month, Hackbarth proposed adding a bench to the newly landscaped area at Sunset Park. A quote was received from Dad's Workshop for \$362.

Motion: (Kaeske/Hackbarth) to approve the purchase of a bench at Sunset Beach from Dad's Workshop for \$362. Carried.

Approve purchase of trash/recycling receptacle: A quote was received from Wausau Tile for a new trash/recycling receptacle, to be placed outside the Town Hall bathrooms.

Motion: (Buske/Kaeske) to purchase a new trash receptacle from Wausau Tile for \$1244.77, to be placed outside the Town Hall Bathrooms. Carried.

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2014 Lawn Care Maintenance: Multiple quotes were received for lawn care maintenance. Previous years, we have hired ProLawn/DC Coop. EZ Green came in with the lowest quote. Buske has concerns about the Fertilizer treatment. Kaeske really thinks more homework needs to be done. Fish Creek could be a leader in our parks and take a proactive stance by not treating our parks. Buske stated, considering we will be reseeding at Noble Square, spraying isn't conducive to new seeds. FC Beach and Park shouldn't have an application. Blahnik suggested taking a stance, put up a sign that says we have decided to not treat our Parks. Buske also suggested removing insecticide.

Motion: (Hackbarth/ -) to approve the EZ Green quote, removing the insecticide, remove spring application at Noble Square and summer fertilizer at all parks. Applications 1, 2, &5. Fails for lack of a second.

Motion: (Hackbarth/Kaeske) to table until next meeting for more information. Carried.

2014 Sprinkler Maintenance: Hackbarth noted that we could use some of the lawn care budget to prepay for the 2 year agreement.

Motion: (Buske/Hackbarth) to prepay for 2014-15 Spinkler agreement for start up and winterizations. Carried.

Fish Creek Park Kiosk Walk-way: Buske and Spielman have nothing to report this month.

Gardener's Job Description: Hagen and Buske will meet to compose a job description.

Adjourn: *Motion: (Buske/Kaeske) to adjourn at 9:25 am. Carried*

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly Murre
Deputy Clerk