

**TOWN OF GIBRALTAR
PARKS AND LANDS COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, JUNE 17, 2014 MINUTES
GIBRALTAR TOWN CENTER
8:00 A.M.**

Approved: July 15, 2014

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. Members present: Brian Hackbarth, Carol Olson, Laurie Buske, Dave Bultman and Bob Spielman.

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

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

Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings:

Motion: (Buske/Olson) to approve the minutes of May 20, 2014 as written. Carried

Committee reports:

Gardens: Buske reported on the status of the gardens. The weedy area mulching is completed in Noble Park, the Town Center planters are done. The tulips were unbelievable and irises have tripled. The daffodils didn't bloom as expected. The burning bush on the corner still hasn't been moved, but could shock it at this time. The wall at Noble Park and Town Center garden will need to be addressed, chunks of mortar are breaking off.

Invasive Species: Working with the County to get the Town included with the phragmites project along the shoreline. Hagen spoke with Greg Cohurst, it is a two year process. \$600-\$700 donation, will either meet at a TB meeting in July or August, once an inventory is complete.

Lighthouse: No report

Chair: Sunset Park landscaping is complete. Noble Square Park is scheduled for this week.

Public Comment: Merline saw that Sevastopol schools have gone natural, with the care of their grounds and setting a great example. Would like to see the Town and Gibraltar school follow.

Longley Bench Donation: Carol Longley contacted the Town Office wishing to donate a bench for Blossomberg Cemetery, to be located near their family's plot. The Committee reviewed the map and pictures of the proposed location. A concrete slab was suggested underneath.

Donation in memory of Bill Reinhardt: Jerry Cherney contacted the Town office wishing to make a donation in memory of Bill Reinhardt. Mr. Cherney discussed with Kelly that he would like to donate a bench, preferably in Blossomberg Cemetery. He stated, he would be OK with a Park donation, if the Committee chooses. Kelly provided pictures of the Reinhardt plot and potential locations for a bench.

Cohn Donation: Olson has been in contact with Tamar Cohn regarding a donation in memory of her parents, Abe and Ginka. Olson stated they are interested in a tree and would like to know

location and choices of tree. Buske suggested an American liberty elm or a sunburst honey locust tree. The tops fan out to create a beautiful canopy. They are resistant to the Dutch elm disease and roadside conditions; along the tree lawn, in front of Founders Square. Buske also stated another tree in the front of Fish Creek Park is dying. Elms grow fairly quickly. It was suggested to suggest the American Liberty Elm for the tree lawn in front of Founders Square. Buske will check pricing and Olson will forward to Ms. Cohn.

Sign Post Protection: Olson inventoried the signs, took pictures and suggests a ground cover of low growing plants around the base of the signs. The mowers will be able to maneuver around and can mow over the creepers to maintain an edge. Mulch around the bases, may be a better solution. Spielman and Buske suggested hidden edging. Hagen would like to discuss these options with the maintenance crew. She would also like to look at new locations for some of the signs; which wouldn't require mowing around.

Lighthouse Tuckpointing: An estimate was received from RM Masonry for tuckpointing the lighthouse. After the railing project, the remaining balance in the exterior budget is \$1568, not enough for the project. Bultman inquired as to whether State Aid would be available for a historical building. Plan to budget for next year. Kelly will look into getting the gutters done this year instead.

Posts for Banners at Noble Square: A follow-up discussion from last month. The committee discussed options: a sunken hole with a cap that would require posts to be picked up or 2 decorative wooded posts.

2015 Budget: The committee reviewed and made adjustments to the 2015 budget. Next month, will be the final review.

Adjourn: *Motion: (Buske/Hackbarth) to adjourn at 8:35 am. Carried*

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly Murre
Deputy Clerk