

Approved: July 16, 2019

**TOWN OF GIBRALTAR  
PARKS AND LANDS COMMITTEE  
TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 2019  
MINUTES  
8:00 A.M.**

**Call to Order:** Buske called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

**Members Present:** Buske stated that a quorum of the committee was present. Members present: Laurie Buske, Bonnie Ansley, Tom Thurman, and Andrea Jauquet  
Absent: Brian Hackbarth

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

*Motion: (Thurman, Ansley) to adopt the agenda as posted. Carried.*

**Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting:** *Motion: (Thurman, Ansley) to approve the minutes from the May 21, 2019 as amended. Carried.*

**Public Comment:** Skare has been in communication with Hal Davis from the Bureau of Aeronautics and has been working towards a possible dog park next to the volleyball courts. He has received support from the Airport Commission and the Village of Ephraim. Estimated cost would be about \$20,000 for a wilderness fence.

**Committee Reports**

**Chair:** No report

**Gardens:** Buske reported the flower beds are all planted and is in the process of mulching. She is a little behind due to rain, but the rain is really helping the new trees in Sunset Park.

**Lighthouse:** Blahnik reported the lighthouse walk had 5 groups, totaling about 150 people. Mowers are running and new blades were installed. Ansley would like to get clarification on the process to approve the Zellners as back-up caretakers for the lighthouse and requests caretaker responsibility be on a future agenda, to also include docent responsibilities.

**Invasive Species:** Ansley reported the 5<sup>th</sup> grade kids from Gibraltar helped pick garlic mustard and forget-me-nots in Fish Creek Park. Dames Rocket is in bloom and was notified by Bob Bultman that garlic mustard and dames rocket are in bloom along Spring Rd. Ansley will create an informational poster for Dames Rocket.

Buske reported the neighboring property to Sunset Park has removed all of their garlic mustard and mulched the area. It looks wonderful!

**Tree Removal in Fish Creek Park:** Thurman reported 40 ash trees were marked along the path in Fish Creek Park and will contact Acorn Tree Service, Townline Timber, and Dave's Tree Service for estimates.

**Fish Creek Reforestation Plan:** Thurman will begin work on the publicity plan to approve in August. He reported that 10 oak trees were planted in the Park with the 5<sup>th</sup> grade kids from Gibraltar.

Buske reported the Sunset Park trees are doing well and starting to leaf.

Ansley suggested a plaque identifying the trees that were planted by 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Jauquet suggested adding plaques identifying plants and trees in Fish Creek Park, similar to the Ridges.

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**Washout/Sinkhole in Sunset Park:** The new landscape has a washout made by a possible large void. Currently it is coned off and Kelly contacted Sunnypoint Landscape. Maintenance has applied breaker run to fill the void and is monitoring. Would like to get Sunnypoint to apply more of the cosmetic river rock.

**Fish Creek Beach Playground Equipment:** Thurman stated the beach may be too small for playground equipment. As an alternate, he suggests Fish Creek Park. Due to the stewardship, that park has to be used for educational purposes supporting the environment. Ansley will follow-up on grant requirements. Skare recommends cutting off the current outfall pipe at the beach and capping or filling it with sand or concrete. Removal of the pipe would require loss of trees and the buffer between the neighboring property. Skare doesn't see the urgency in the playground equipment. Instead would like to observe how the new beach is being utilized.

**Landscaping Between Sidewalks in Front of Noble House:** Buske reported GHA is working on a plan. They have not had a meeting and will discuss next month.

**Adjourn:** *Motion:(Ansley, Buske) to adjourn at 8:56 AM. Carried*

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly Murre  
Deputy Clerk