

Approved: August 20, 2019

**TOWN OF GIBRALTAR
PARKS AND LANDS COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, JULY 16, 2019
MINUTES
7:30 A.M.**

Call to Order: Hackbarth called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

Members Present: Hackbarth stated that a quorum of the committee was present. Members present: Brian Hackbarth, Laurie Buske, Bonnie Ansley, Tom Thurman, and Andrea Jauquet
Absent: None

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

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

Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting: *Motion: (Thurman, Ansley) to approve the minutes from the June 18, 2019 as written Carried.*

Public Comment: None

Committee Reports

Chair: No Report

Gardens: Buske reported the gardens are doing well. She has had to do extra weeding this year.

Lighthouse: Blahnik reported the lighthouse will be busy this weekend with the Chambers Island Association meeting. She has concerns about the high water affecting the boathouse and requests the Building Committee to take note during next week's Island Tour. Buske reported she spoke with R&R Gutters who may be able to do the gutters. They have requested measurements.

Invasive Species: Ansley reported Renier has finished the barberry treatment in Fish Creek Park and will work with him for continued treatments. Buske reported the wild parsnip is about to bloom at the trail head and requests maintenance to remove. Jauquet reported there is also Valerian at the Sunset beach.

Review Bids for Cutting Dead Ash in Fish Creek Park: Thurman reached out to Acorn Tree Service, Townline Timber, and Dave's Tree Service. Hauling the wood out would be difficult as some of the trees are quite large.

Motion: (Thurman, Ansley) to accept the bid from Townline Timber to be completed and billed before the end of the year. Carried.

Fish Creek Reforestation Plan: Thurman will have a proposal and fundraising plan at the August meeting.

Washout/Sinkhole in Sunset Park: Kelly contacted Sunnypoint Landscape. They said they would reapply decorative stone. Kelly will follow-up.

Fish Creek Beach Playground Equipment: Ansley contact the DNR regarding the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship fund and was informed a playground could go into Fish Creek Park.

Motion: (Ansley, Thurman) to recommend to the Town Board to keep the current playground at the beach and consider a new installation at Fish Creek Park. Carried.

Landscaping Between Sidewalks in Front of Noble House: Buske reported GHA would like a decorative fence and the sidewalk to be reconstructed to the same height at the base of the stone wall.

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This is a larger project. Need to contact a professional to determine if it can be done and obtain an estimate. The fencing would be in the historical era of the Noble House. In the meantime, need to install a temporary fix. Jauquet and Buske will work out a plan for plantings. Buske suggested potentilla bushes as a temporary fix and will bring a design next month.

Fish Creek Boardwalk Repairs: Ansley contacted the DNR, they said boardwalks can be repaired as long as the base or fill is not added. A few boards definitely need to be replaced.

Benches on Town Property: Hackbarth would like the opinion of the committee about the type of bench used throughout Town. Jauquet suggested encouraging more business owners to offer more outside their stores. Majority of the committee prefers wood or site specific.

Dog Park Proposal at the Airport: Skare spoke with Hal Davis from the BOA and has gotten support for a dog park at the airport. A wildlife fence was proposed. The Airport commission is also supportive. *Motion: (Hackbarth, Jauquet) to support the proposed dog park with fence lines to be determined. Carried.*

2020 Budget Review: The budget spreadsheet was provided to the committee. Hackbarth suggested that members bring in budget requests next month.

Adjourn: *Motion: (Buske, Ansley) to adjourn at 8:43AM. Carried*

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly Murre
Deputy Clerk