

Approved: December 17, 2019

**TOWN OF GIBRALTAR  
PARKS AND LANDS COMMITTEE  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2019  
MINUTES  
8:00 A.M.**

**Call to Order:** Hackbarth called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m.

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

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

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

**Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting:** *Motion: (Ansley, Thurman) to approve the minutes from the September 17, 2019 meeting, as amended. Carried.*

**Public Comment:** None

**Committee Reports**

**Chair:** No Report

**Gardens:** Gardens are all done for the year.

**Lighthouse:** Blahnik inquired about the propane depot and wants to make sure the lighthouse is included. Skare stated it is in the permitting process. Skare reported that Mike Kahr has been contracted to place large dimension stone to protect the boathouse. Jauquet inquired about the budget for the lighthouse and why interior maintenance is overseen by Parks and Lands. Hackbarth stated the Building Committee is advisory to the Parks and Lands Committee and does not have a budget. The Lighthouse interior and exterior was set up under Parks and Lands.

**Invasive Species:** Ansley corrected last month's statement that buckthorn is the number one invasive, not barberry. She asked if John would be interested in assisting with spearheading the invasive species control.

The Ridges has created a fund to treat invasives on private property. Particularly phragmites is a concern on the Fitzgerald property on County F.

**Dog Park on Airport Property:** Skare presented a revised drawing of the dog park on Airport property around the volleyball courts on County Rd A. He contacted the BOA for their approval. They stated, if the Village and Town are in agreement, they do not have an issue. He suggested a woven wire wildlife fence. The wildlife fence at Wood Orchard is 8 ft high with an approximate cost of \$30,000. Additional parking could be added at the volleyball courts.

Skare asked if Parks and Lands would like to take over the project. It could help promote the airport by being a benefit to the community.

Sherman has concerns with the wildlife fence and obstructing the deer paths. Most other dog parks use a 6 ft chain link fencing that can be vinyl coated.

Merkel suggested contacting Century Fence to obtain an estimate. Vinyl coating deteriorates in the sun and wouldn't recommend. He also thinks a fundraising campaign for a dog park would have a lot of support.

The Airport Commission is supportive of the concept. Skare will present to the Village of Ephraim.

*Motion: (Ansley, Jauquet) to table. Carried.*

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**Ula Street Tree Removal Along Hidden Harbor Fence:** The tree in question at Ula Street was a dead Box Elder that has already been removed.

**Review and Discuss Bench Donation Policy:** The current donation policy is from 2012 and does not mention benches. Thurman created an updated draft. The only area to give recognition would be the Tree of Giving. Ansley suggested to include approximate costs for trees, benches and picnic tables. Would also like to include invasive species and dog parks. Location requests will be taken under advisement and kept to the Committee's discretion.

**Lighthouse Caretaker Advertisement:** The intent of the advertisement is to give everyone an opportunity for this volunteer position. The Town Board will need to approve the advertisement before publishing. The Parks and Lands Committee will be able to review the applicants and make a recommendation to the Town Board. *Motion: (Ansley, Hackbarth) to approve the advertisement as presented. Carried.*

**Fish Creek Park Playground Equipment:** Ansley contacted the DNR to confirm that playground equipment is allowable at Fish Creek Park. Hackbarth would like to have the office obtain official approval. Skare suggested to include a design to present to them. Ansley stated if a playground is allowable the type and location in the Park shouldn't matter. The East side of the Creek is preferred. *Motion: (Ansley, Jauquet) to have the town office get approval from the DNR for passive recreation including a playground area. Carried, Hackbarth opposed.*

**Picnic Table Purchases and Locations:** The picnic table in Noble Park has been well received. This year's budget does allow for the purchase of additional tables. Locations can be determined at a future meeting.

*Motion: (Ansley, Thurman) to purchase 2 recycled plastic, 6 ft galvanized steel picnic tables to be placed in rustic areas. Carried.*

*Motion: (Thurman, Ansley) to also purchase 1 hex table in the same colors as the one in Noble Square. Carried.*

**Sunset Beach Trail Improvements:** Jauquet presented a plan and estimate from Sunnypoint Landscape to replace the stairs at Sunset Park, improve the path, install a planting berm and replace the tree by the stone bench. The proposal can be broken into pieces as the budget allows. Would like to determine a carry forward amount for next month.

*Motion: (Thurman, Ansley) to pursue the concept created by Jauquet and submitted by Sunnypoint Landscape. Carried, Hackbarth opposed.*

**Fish Creek Park Reforestation Plan Mailing:** Thurman suggested another mailing in Spring and would like to see posted in the display cases.

**Purchasing Trees for Fish Creek Park:** Need to determine locations and type of trees to plant. Would like to obtain opinions from Buske and/or Bultman in selecting locations. Could approach the school to assist with planting.

**Adjourn:** *Motion: (Thurman, Jauquet) to adjourn at 9:54 AM. Carried*

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly Murre  
Deputy Clerk