

Approved: June 9, 2020

**TOWN OF GIBRALTAR
PARKS AND LANDS COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2020
MINUTES**

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

Members Present: Hackbarth stated that a quorum of the committee was present. Members present: Brian Hackbarth, Andrea Jauquet, John Lancaster, and Laurie Buske via Zoom Conference due to COVID-19 Safer at Home Orders. Jayson Merkel in person.
Absent: None

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

Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting: *Motion: (Merkel, Buske) to approve the minutes from the April 21, 2020 meeting, as written. Carried.*

Public Comment: None

Committee Reports

Chair: Hackbarth reported Chairman Sohns asked all committees to not spend budgeted funds on non-essential projects. Maintenance needs to place garbage cans as soon as possible.
Buske reported the garbage at the beach is overflowing. The pickup schedule will also need to be increased.

Gardens: Buske was able to get an early start. The ground is still too cold mulch. The new plantings at the beach all survived

Lighthouse: Need to follow up with MaryAnn for a status update. Jauquet suggested contacting Chris Cote for possible repairs at the lighthouse.

The lighthouse festival is still scheduled. Need to ask the Town Board whether it should be allowed. The committee is uncomfortable having our elderly caretakers there. Could allow for outside tours only.

Invasive Species: Garlic mustard is starting to bloom at Sunset Park.

Determination of Small Potted Cedar Tree Locations: Buske suggests placing the 3 small trees at the Fish Creek Welcome sign.

Motion: (Buske, Lancaster) to plant 3 trees at the Fish Creek Welcome Sign. Carried

Fish Creek Park Playground Equipment: Will continue to plan throughout the year. Thurman has staked out an area. Merkel was contacted by the families that are willing to donate. They have strong feelings that the beach needs something more. Including benches and picnic tables.
Need to follow-up on location with DNR. It is also quite close to the yellow condos lot line.

Repair Steps on Trail at Sunset Park: Hackbarth stated due to budget constraints to not move forward this year. Jauquet has contacted Travis Price and received a couple of estimates. He requires 50% down. Merkel stated a better long term plan needs to be created. Need direction from the Town Board on whether Parks and Lands should take the lead on developing the plan. Will contact Price that the project is put on hold.

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Picnic Table Purchase: Sohns stated the FCCA is suggesting 2 picnic tables in each park and suggested they would purchase the picnic table kits. 8 ft is preferred and easy to clean. Will schedule a special meeting after Town Board and FCCA meet.

Benches and Plantings along Sidewalk across from Beach: Parks and Lands was asked to consider a bench and plantings along the 10 ft sidewalk next to Blue Horse, facing the water. Jauquet suggested planting trees at the center property line in an area that doesn't obstruct the view. Buske suggested contacting the property owners for their thoughts.

Merkel suggests waiting to see what the finished project looks.

Buske suggested a couple benches that can be removed if it doesn't work.

Will check on the bench inventory

Sohns suggested to have the benches placed at the beach.

Will put on the next agenda.

Will also reconsider trash receptacle locations.

Adjourn: *Motion: (Buske, Merkel) to adjourn at 8:57AM. Carried*

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly Murre
Deputy Clerk