

Approved: October 20, 2020

**TOWN OF GIBRALTAR
PARKS AND LANDS COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2020
MINUTES**

Call to Order: Hackbarth called the meeting to order at 8:04 a.m.

Members Present: Hackbarth stated that a quorum of the committee was present. Members present: Brian Hackbarth, John Lancaster, Laurie Buske and Andrea Kinsey-Jauquet via Zoom Conference due to COVID-19. Jayson Merkel in person.

Absent: None

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

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

Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting: *Motion: (Merkel, Lancaster) to approve the minutes from the August 17, 2020 meeting, as amended. Carried.*

Public Comment: Jauquet thinks the bike rack should be moved at Fish Creek Park. Dead branches need to be cleaned up at the beach.

Committee Reports

Chair: Buske inquired about tabling procedures and if an item had to be removed from the table. If a motion was made to table a discussion, it must be removed from the table to continue the discussion.

Gardens: Buske reported she has been weeding, touching up the mulch and dead heading. Is working on the fall display and is eager to get them started.

Lighthouse: Blahnik reported the season went well. The Maritime Museum had an abbreviated festival with only 2 groups. The Zellner's got some projects done and have been a great help. The Coast Guard visited to check the light. They provided a key to the enclosure and was able to clean the brush and poison ivy.

The Maritime Museum will have 2 more groups visiting on Oct. 4. Intends to close for the season after. Buske provided the gutter info to Kelly.

Invasive Species: No report. Hackbarth suggested the group choose an invasive species for public education.

Remove from the Table: Fish Creek Park Playground Equipment: *Motion: (Buske, Hackbarth) to remove Fish Creek Playground Equipment from the Table. Carried.*

Fish Creek Park Playground Equipment: Buske and Merkel met in Fish Creek Park. There is an area on the left that creates a natural cove with a berm that could be leveled off. She suggests everyone look at that area.

Trail at Sunset Park Planning: No update

Lawn Care Maintenance Weed Control/Over Seeding: Buske suggested over seeding at the Town Center and Noble Square. She hasn't been successful in finding a company to do the over seeding this fall.

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Sign Repair Considerations: Merkel contacted Fast Signs to create a heavier gauge aluminum sign with wood grain. Sleeves could be purchased for the posts. The cost is about \$300 and would give the sign a fresh look.

Need to communicate with the Town Board on whether they are on board with that kind of a change.

Benches: Holly Somerhalder suggested 2 benches be placed at the front of the Town Center. There is a donation request on file. The donor only wants to know the location of the bench. Jauquet and Buske presented different bench options. Will continue to discuss next month.

Dying/Sick Trees: An ornamental tree at Clark Park has died and a Maple at Spruce. She contacted Dave's tree Service. The tree at Spruce died due to Vermicular Wilt. Recommends removing the tree at Spruce and the 2 at Clark Park.

Motion: (Merkel, Buske) to remove the 2 (possibly 3) trees at Clark Park and the one at Spruce. Carried

Removal of Dying Trees in Front of the Community Center: The 2 trees in front of the Town Center need to be removed. The pine tree is not helping the lawn and was topped a few years ago. The roots could also be affecting the sprinkler system. Lancaster would like to see a plan for replacement. *Motion: (Merkel, Hackbarth) to remove the birch tree and the Pine tree. Carried.*

Beach Tree Removal and Planting of a New Tree Recommendation: The beach landscaping plan has a tree well cut into it. It would add \$4300-\$7800 to the project.

Motion: (Hackbarth,) to recommend to the Town Board removing the tree and planting another large tree. Motion Fails for Lack of Second.

Holiday Lighting Ad Hoc Committee Update: Buske reported they attended the Town Board meeting and working to get the brackets. A snowflake sample has been ordered. The Town Board was very positive to help with the brackets. They are looking into whether they can be assessed with the light poles. Draft fundraising letter was sent out.

Merkel brought up concerns about the term Holiday light vs winter lights.

Getting the brackets is the primary concern. Spielman has prepared a list of questions for Reinders.

Timing is the primary issue.

Hackbarth suggested being prepared for a possible second order. Would like to order 3 different styles of snowflakes.

Hackbarth will follow up with Chairman Sohns and Beth regarding the possibility of assessment.

Meeting Schedule: Hackbarth would like to poll the committee to see if evening meetings are preferred or earlier.

Adjourn: *Motion: (Buske, Lancaster) to adjourn at 9:15 AM. Carried*

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly Murre
Deputy Clerk