

Approved: January 29, 2021

**TOWN OF GIBRALTAR
PARKS AND LANDS COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2020
MINUTES**

Call to Order: Buske called the meeting to order at 8:06 a.m.

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

Absent: Brian Hackbarth

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

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

Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting(s): *Motion: (Buske, Lancaster) to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2020 and October 6, 2020 meetings as amended. Carried.*

Reports:

Chair: No report

Gardens: Buske reported there is a nice fall display and has been busy cleaning the gardens before winter.

Lighthouse: No report, shut down for the season.

Invasive Species: No report

Holiday Lighting Ad-hoc Committee Update: Buske reported the ad-hoc committee has been meeting frequently to keep the project moving. So far, they raised about \$52,000.

Approve Snowflake Purchase: 29 standard snowflakes are already on order. Looking to purchase 29 teardrop and 21 blossom snowflakes for a cost of \$18,625. *Motion: (Merkel, Lancaster) to purchase as discussed. Carried.*

Bracket Update: Spielman reported Hi-Tech Fabrication will be able to fit the brackets and will be able to complete all 79 by the middle of November. Holophane said they will be able to get the brackets to us ahead of the snowflake order. Everything is moving along. *Motion: (Buske, Merkel) to approve the retrofitting of the brackets at a cost not to exceed \$5000. Carried.*

Consider/Approve Fish Creek Park/Gazebo Plan: An estimate was received to install electrical at Fish Creek Parks for \$1600 and lights and cords for \$460. Would like to add more in case an additional box is needed. *Motion: (Buske, Lancaster) to approve the installation of electrical, lights and cords for \$3,100 for Fish Creek Park. Carried.*

Fish Creek Beach Plan: 3 giant freestanding snowflakes, lights and cords: \$6440. *Motion: (Lancaster, Buske) to purchase the beach decorations for \$6440. Carried.*

Consider/Approve Welcome Sign Plan: For the welcome sign, would like to order 3 pre-lit birch trees, lights, cords and a snowflake for \$1100. *Motion: (Lancaster, Merkel) to approve the decorations for the Welcome sign for \$1100. Carried.*

Other: Buske suggests having extra lighting for Christmas trees and misc. *Motion: (Buske, Lancaster) to approve \$1500 for additional lighting and misc. supplies. Carried.*

FCCA has had trouble finding volunteers to help with holiday lights. Would like Parks and Lands to help coordinate volunteers.

Fish Creek Park Playground Equipment: No discussion

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Trail at Sunset Park Planning: Jauquet stated the price from Sunnypoint will remain close to the same. The path was \$4367 plus additional 10% for labor to install quarry wash from the bottom of the old steps to the entrance.

Lawn Care Maintenance Weed Control/ Over Seeding: Tru-Green applied an application and a few areas have been over-seeded by the Town maintenance staff.

Sign Repair Considerations: The committee will review the signs to be re-done. The Fish Creek Park sign has been repainted.

Benches: Merkel walked the Egg Harbor beach, and they have the metal benches that look very nice. He suggests the committee to visit. Need to determine which long-term design the Town wants to go with.

Adjourn: *Motion: (Merkel, Jauquet) to adjourn at 7:38 AM. Carried*

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly Murre
Deputy Clerk