

Approved: August 18, 2021

**TOWN OF GIBRALTAR  
PARKS AND LANDS COMMITTEE  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 14, 2021  
MINUTES**

**Call to Order:** Merkel called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.

**Members Present:** Merkel stated that a quorum of the committee was present. Laurie Buske, Andrea Kinsey-Jauquet, John Lancaster, and Jayson Merkel.

Absent: Brian Hackbarth

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

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

**Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting(s):** *Motion: (Merkel, Buske) to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2021 meeting as amended. Carried.*

**Public Comment:** Jauquet inquired whether the purple vetch has been removed and if the Woldt plaque has been worked out. Would like future follow-up info on maintenance to-dos.

**Reports:**

**Chair:** No report

**Gardens:** Buske has been working in our gardens for 10 years. Flowers are in abundance and the gardens are looking beautiful.

**Lighthouse:** Blahnik reported the Lighthouse has received a lot of publicity this year.

**Invasive Species:** Buske reported there is wild parsnip in Fish Creek Park and poison ivy in Sunset Park.

**Consideration of Additional Bike Racks:** Buske has been monitoring the Town bike racks and recommends an additional one at the Town Center.

*Motion: (Merkel, Jauquet) to approve the purchase of a single-sided, 4-unit bike rack that matches the rest in Town. Carried*

**Fish Creek Beach Playground Equipment:** The playground set cannot be reinstalled. Buske and Thyssen met with a representative from Gametime Minnesota/Wisconsin Playground. The size of the space limits the options. A custom design was presented that would fit the space.

*Motion: (Buske, Merkel) to begin the process of fundraising \$40,000 for the purchase of the new playground equipment. Carried.*

**Catherine Johnson Memorial Tree Donation:** *Motion: (Merkel, Jauquet) to purchase one 2" sunburst locust for \$475 plus install. Carried.*

**Dead Dying Trees:** Buske reported Dave's Tree Service came out and looked at the two Red Maples at Clark Park & Town Hall and the Birch at Noble Square.

The Red Maples are experiencing girdling and will slowly die, recommends planning for new trees in the next year or two.

The Birch has Birch Borer and will recover, GHA will pay for this round of treatment. Dave treated the trees the next day.

**2022 Budget:** The committee reviewed the 2022 budget will bring back next month.

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**Next Meeting Date:** Would like to schedule another walk thru of the remaining parks. Tuesday, July 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 AM at Champagne Rock. Wednesday, August 11, 2021 at 4:30 PM

**Adjourn:** *Motion: (Buske, Jauquet) to adjourn at 5:49 P.M. Carried*

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly Murre  
Clerk