

Approved: October 19, 2021

**TOWN OF GIBRALTAR
PARKS AND LANDS COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2021
MINUTES**

Call to Order: Buske called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

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

Absent: None

Appoint a New Chair/Vice Chair: Merkel nominated Laurie Buske. *Motion: (Merkel, Lancaster) to appoint Buske as the new chair of P&L. Carried.*

Buske nominated John Lancaster as Vice Chair. Motion: (Merkel, Jauquet) to appoint Lancaster as Vice Chair. Carried.

Proper Notice/Adopt Agenda: Murre confirmed the agenda had been properly noticed.

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

Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting(s): *Motion: (Merkel, Jauquet) to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2021 meeting as written. Carried.*

Public Comment: An ad has been placed in the Peninsula Pulse for the Parks and Lands vacancy.

Reports:

Chair: Buske thanked Brian Hackbarth for his years of service on Parks and Lands. Would like to add a maintenance report to the agenda. Funding is available to complete the wall at Clark Park. Will work on trash can lids. The Town crew is working to remove a very large branch from Blossomberg Cemetery. Jauquet is donating some shrubs from her property to be placed at the retention pond.

Gardens: Buske reported the garden are doing well and will soon be planting the fall displays.

Lighthouse: Zellner reported October 2nd is the fall lighthouse tour. There is a lift out on the Island the Town could rent to remove gutters and install the hatch. Admin. Thyssen has been in communications with the owner. Recommends leaf guard on the gutters.

Invasive Species: No report

Frisbee Golf Course Proposal: Shane Solomon gave a proposal for Door Disc Golf. Jauquet suggests looking into the Knowles-Nelson grant used for the purchase of the park and its allowable uses. Lancaster will meet with Solomon to discuss further and will continue the discussion next month.

Sunset Park Repairs: Jauquet and Buske obtained 2 estimates from Generations Inc, one for the repair of the broken steps on the trail and one for the wall and terrace repair on lower section at water's edge. Would also like to obtain an estimate from Mike Kahr. Really want to bring the erosion concerns to the attention of the Board before more damage is done.

Motion: (Lancaster, Merkel) to forward to the Town Board requesting funds for the repairs as soon as possible. Carried.

Need to determine ADA standards for the steps. Can the steps be put in prior to ADA? Are the number of steps correct? Would the stump need to be removed?

2022 Budget: *Motion: (Merkel, Lancaster) to forward the 2021 budget recommendation to the Town Board. Carried*

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Noxious Weed Ordinance/Policy: Buske presented ordinances from other municipalities. Thyssen drafted a policy for weed control and management and will work with the county to educate the people. The committee prefers no penalty and NR40 to be removed from the ordinance. Buske created a rough draft ordinance stating if an owner is non-compliant the Town has the ability to remove the weeds with notice and can be charged back to the owner. Merkel recommended Thyssen, Buske and Lancaster meet to adjust the ordinance and policy.

Tree Donation for Beach: *Motion: (Buske, Merkel) to accept the New Horizon Elm tree donation at the beach. Carried.*

Catherine Johnson Memorial Tree and Bench Donation: *Motion: (Merkel, Lancaster) to accept the additional Sunburst Locust tree. Carried.*

Memorial Rock Placement at the Beach: *Motion: (Merkel, Lancaster) to place the memorial rock in the flower bed. Carried*

Adjourn: *Motion: (Merkel, Lancaster) to adjourn at 5:38 P.M. Carried*

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly Murre
Clerk