

Approved: January 11, 2022

**TOWN OF GIBRALTAR
PARKS AND LANDS COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2021
MINUTES**

Call to Order: Buske called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.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

Proper Notice/Adopt Agenda: Cain-Bieri confirmed the agenda had been properly noticed.

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

Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting(s): Spelling John's name changed. Added Knowles Nelson grant to Frisbee Golf. 2 estimates were given for sunset park, cleaned up Noxious Weed policy section. *Motion: (Jauquet, Merkel) to approve the edited minutes of the September 15, 2021 meeting as written. Carried.*

Public Comment: Merkel asked about the stump at the Beach. Staff will take care of it.

Reports:

Chair: Kat Kerscher has been approved by the board to be added to the committee. The trash can lids are in and installed at the community center--A large tree at Blossomberg has been cleaned up and looks great, thank you maintenance staff. Buske thanked Cain-Bier for following up for the lawn care, so we paid only the quoted price. On the budget we did add \$500 to lawn care at the beach for overseeding.

Gardens: Mums are in and we will soon take away things as they freeze.

Lighthouse: Mary Ann Blahnik said we had 118 visitors for the lighthouse festival. Thyssen said the crew went out last Friday to inspect the hatch and will go back out to install the new one. When they go back out they will fix anything that needs to be fixed and take the gutters down and inspect them. Zellners said they updated the 12-volt lighting with period appropriate lighting. The area was also decorated with mums etc. The chimney should be inspected at some point, but it was cleaned out. No idea when it was actually cleaned. This is something to consider for the future. Dave Harris is aware that the chimney needs to be done if he has someone go out to do his we can coordinate.

Invasive Species: Buske said the area with burn weed issue was hit hard by the maintenance department so hoping it is under control now. Poison Ivy should be looked at Champagne Rock in spring.

Ad Hoc 2021 Holiday Decorations: Looking to purchase an arch to go over Clark park entrance, a blue flagpole tree at Fish Creek Park, a Flagpole tree at the dock but the flagpole needs to be replaced so not sure if that will be completed in time, and gazebo lights at Nobel Square for a total of \$13,000. Bob Spielman received an email from Reinders and the cost for the arch is \$14,500. Bob will talk to Reinders more to see if we can get Reinders to customize the arch to into the \$10,000 budget. Merkel suggested having an electrician put in electrical in the park for the arch so we don't have cords. *Motion: (Merkel, Jauquet) to purchase the holiday lights for \$13,000. (Motion Amended): Approve the Adhoc to purchase up to \$17,000, including reserve funds, from the Holiday fund for the arch, 2 flagpole trees, gazebo lights and any electrical service needed. Carried.*

Memorial Benches: Murre said we have 2 Memorial Benches for Blossomberg Cemetery. The Sargent Family would like a larger memorial on the bench than what is allowed under the policy. The Gonzales family would also like a bench, it was previously approved, and they may want something larger on the

Approved: January 11, 2022

bench as well. Discussion that in the cemetery it makes sense to have more wording on the bench than in the village. The benches are not placed in the cemetery burial place but off to the side. *Motion (Jauquet, Merkel) to honor requests of the Sargent and Gonzales families upon receipt of the donation, to make an exception of the memorial bench policy and allow the larger memorial on the benches. Bench styles to be consistent with the other town benches. Carried. Murre will reach out to the Sargent and Gonzales families.*

Clark Park Wall Repair: *Motion: (Buske, Jauquet) to approve the spending to repair Clark park wall for \$4,450.00. Carried.*

Clark Park Tree/s Removal: The tree is down.

Post Covers: Murre said the price had tripled in price earlier in the summer, Laurie found that the price has come down again. A total of 18 posts are needed. Home Depot has the wrap, cover and cap. For \$55/ post. *Motion: (Merkel, Jauquet) purchase as many posts, cover, and caps as the budget allows. Carried.*

Noxious Weed Ordinance/Policy: Thyssen said the commission had concern on the forfeiture amount, the abundance of weeds identified, and under enforcement that we work with the landowners for compliance. *Motion (Merkel, Lancaster) to accept to the noxious weed ordinance. Carried.*

Beach Plantings: Buske saw a tree at Bridenhagen, a Fiesta Maple, and still waiting on price. Jauquet had a women call about planting a tree at the beach, **she has not donated for a tree as of yet.** Jauquet and sisters have donated the funds to plant Fiesta Maple at the beach and would like to see it put in this fall as it is the perfect time of year to plant trees. Jauquet requested a map of the park to look at the vortex to help with tree locations. Murre asked if any of the trees were going to create an obstructed view? Buske said adjustments have been made to do the best we can to line up the trees between the buildings. Thyssen said trees should be placed where best suited for the lot. *Motion: (Merkel, Jauquet) to purchase the tree based on availability and timing at Bridenhagen. Carried.*

Lighthouse Purchases: Zellners submitted a bill to Cain-Bieri and said they will keep watching for a stove and push lawnmower. Buske believes she has a lead on a stove. Buske asked if they come across a lawnmower to let her know so it can be put on the agenda.

Parking Issues at Sunset Beach: Thyssen said we have been having trouble with vehicles continuing to park all the way up the hill and the end becomes bottlenecked and vehicles are getting stuck. Thyssen met with Meredith Coulsen about the parking issues. Meredith suggested a sign that says “turnaround at end” instead of “dead end.” The Police Chief said we need to limit parking on the hill to try and keep the end open. Jauquet suggested placing boulders on the side of the road instead of more signs or a time limited parking area. Buske wondered if boulders would only allow people to park further into the road. Thyssen suggested that the committee look at the parking situation and come back to the committee. Merkel said the turnaround won’t be good for campers etc., we need a posted sign for Police to enforce parking.

Maintenance Requests: Lancaster and Merkel would like the stump at the beach taken care of. Thyssen said will have maintenance pull the stump and fill with mulch. Buske mentioned blowing leaves away from the town and buildings.

Adjourn: *Motion: (Merkel, Lancaster) to adjourn at 8:52 A.M. Carried*

Respectfully Submitted,

Approved: January 11, 2022

Theresa Cain-Bieri
Treasurer, Deputy Clerk