

**TOWN OF GIBRALTAR
PARKS AND LANDS COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, JUNE 21, 2022
MINUTES**

Call to Order: Buske called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. Now on the third Tuesday of every month.

Members Present: Buske stated that a quorum of the committee was present. Laurie Buske, Andrea Kinsey-Jauquet, John Lancaster, and Treasurer Theresa Cain-Bieri. Administrator Thyssen and Clerk Murre also present. Kat Kerscher and Jayson Merkel excused.

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

Motion: (Kinsey-Jauquet, Lancaster) to adopt the agenda as posted. Carried.

Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting(s) *Motion: (Lancaster, Kinsey-Jauquet,) to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2022 meeting minutes as written. Carried.*

Public Comment: none

Reports:

Invasive Species: Lancaster said the Weed Warrior event occurred on June 13th and it was a success. We had 7.5 people and collected 9 bags of Dames Rock and cleared the entrance way to Fish Creek Park. Fish Creek Condos is looking into starting a community outreach. Chambers Island also collected garlic mustard and collected 16 bags. Possible honeysuckle might be near the lighthouse as well. Destination Door County is willing to come and help so Buske and Lancaster are going to work on a team effort to get more invasives out of the park. Buske said there is honeysuckle at Sunset Park near the water and around lilacs. It would be nice for maintenance to get those out when possible.

Gardens: Buske said everything has been weeded and pots and planters have been planted. We are working on mulching, but we are behind. The plants are doing fabulous in the gardens with a continuous bloom since the daffodils.

Lighthouse: The grounds were cleaned up. A weed eater attachment was purchased for the brush cutter which is more effective. The stove arrived at the lighthouse, 6 visitors helped carry it in and remove the old one. The wire on the back of the stove broke, they will use it as a direct light vs a pilot. The window has been replaced. Screens are in the process of being replaced. The tours had a good turnout, total of 123 guests over the weekend. \$18 in donations were collected. The stove was donated by John Balistreri. We have a sewing supply stand that was donated. A small rocking chair was also donated. Other furniture donations were donated by the Zellners. Gutters went up on Friday. About 40 inches of water was pumped into the sistern. Leon is going to work on connecting the gutters to the sistern. Buske said the photos she saw of the gutters look fantastic. This is a huge accomplishment, thank you to Administrator Thyssen for making it happen. MaryAnn showed Sam Perlman a flyer and he redid the flyer but a few more edits need to be made. Buske said we will work with the Maritime Museum on correcting some misinformation and getting some donations back to the lighthouse. Guidelines need to be set for the tour so that everyone is on the same page. Sharon had some signs made, so far, the cost is \$57. The office will run off some copies of the flyer when it is finished. Zellners contacted painters to paint the lighthouse. We will need an official estimate with contingency built in. Leon contacted a contractor in Michigan that worked on Plum Island for cosmetic updates that the Lighthouse needs. The contractor will contact Leon if he is in the area. Open and closing instructions are being revised and an updated version will be added. Thyssen said that the hatch has been placed on top, looking for another

date to go out and remove the old and add a rubberized coating. Sharon said hopefully we can coordinate a date to get some of the old furniture and appliances off the island.

Chair: Noble square is reseeded and will be completely mowed for the first time today. As soon as they are done Buske will water it again because it is very hard. Some sprinkler repairs came in so we are watching that budget line, Kinsey-Jauquet asked if we could mark all the sprinkler lines before anything is installed.

Fish Creek Beach Sign: Buske said we found the beach sign and it can be painted. The estimate to repaint is \$360. If we attach it to the side of the building, we wouldn't need to paint both sides. It could be put above the case on the roadside. The view wouldn't be obstructed if the sign is on the building. *Motion (Kinsey-Jauquet/ Lancaster) to see if we can install the old sign, have it repainted, and have it placed on the bathroom building facing Hwy 42. Not to exceed \$360 in costs. Carried.*

Fish Creek Park: Buske said 2 years ago fallen and diseased Ash trees were marked. Would parks and lands like to do this again? Lancaster and Buske will go for a walk to mark the trees. Thyssen will also walk along to mark the trees.

Goals (5 Year Plan): Buske talked about having a place where humans and dogs can get water. Water fountain at Clark Park was added for 2023 and Fish Creek Park in 2024. Kinsey-Jauquet suggested we get some professional help in setting up the park, the trails in Write-On were beautifully done. This item can be added to the agenda for next month. The well at Chambers Island was added for 2023. Repairs at Champagne Rock was added for 2023. Main wall repairs at Sunset Park for 2024. Sandblasting the stairwell at Chambers Island for 2023 and Interior repairs at Chambers Island in 2024. Chambers Island Boathouse was added to 2024.

Maintenance Requests/Questions: Kinsey-Jauquet is concerned that the mulching around the base of the trees needs to be drawn back for the health of the tree. The committee would like the mulch to be raked back around the trees. Buske said it is time for tree bags for the new trees.

Schedule Next Meeting: July 19, 2022, at 8 am, now the 3rd Tuesday. Thyssen recommended that the committee thinks about budget and special projects for the next meeting.

Adjourn: *Motion: (Jauquet-Kinsey, Lancaster) to adjourn at 9:02 A.M. Carried*

Respectfully Submitted,

Theresa Cain-Bieri
Treasurer, Deputy Clerk