

**TOWN OF GIBRALTAR
PARKS AND LANDS COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2022
MINUTES**

Call to Order: Buske called the meeting to order at 8:01 a.m.

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

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: (Merkel, Lancaster,) to approve the minutes of the August 16, 2022, meeting minutes as written. Carried.*

Public Comment: None

Reports:

Invasive Species: Lancaster said they did the honeysuckle demolition, and 3 truckloads came out of Fish Creek Park. Thank you to Destination Door County & Karlie from VFC for bringing the volunteers. Buske mentioned there was a tent set up and many people stopped to pick up invasive information and buckthorn blasters. Merkle said maybe in the future we can coordinate with maintenance to pull the trunks.

Gardens: Buske said the plants are flourishing, killing beetles, and soon to do a fall planting.

Lighthouse: Zellner's returned items to Balistreri and put the donation plaque on the building. The QR donation sign is posted, and a few people have taken pictures. We haven't heard anything from maintenance for replacement of the tower hatch. We have the Fall Lighthouse Tour Festival the weekend of October 1st. Received the siding and molding for the outhouse and started to scrape and prime. The lien-to window is ordered, can take up to 6 weeks and will be stored until next year. The CIA Chili cook off was held and we had 40 entries, about 70-80 people attended. The Matzke memorial donated first aid kits to each island cottage. They are also donating 4 trauma bags to the 4 corners of the island; the lighthouse will be receiving one of the bags. A few donations have come in. The lighthouse will be closed after the Maritime tour as it is becoming increasingly difficult to travel back and forth. Buske said someone is going to donate a sewing machine. GHA is also doing a talk called November's at the Old Town Hall, regarding violent storms on Great Lakes.

Chair: Buske said the wooden signs for Blossomburg, Juddville and the Old Town Hall have arrived. She asked if town maintenance will be putting the vinyl wraps and post covers on all the signposts. The new benches are in, those will be placed one on dock, one by locust tree at beach and two by Kinsey property waterfront. Buske and Thyssen meet and decided the trash receptacles in Fish Creek Park will be moved off to the side near the east mulched area.

Reconsider Playground Options: Buske gave three playground choices from previous discussions with updated prices. The cost is going up continually. She has confirmed the playground can be installed with the sand that is currently there and a rubberized surface installed at a later date. If we want handicap accessibility we need a trail that leads to the playground. That might be something we consider doing in a

second phase. Lancaster said the WI/MN is most appealing to his 3-year-old, the Rainbow design is similar to what is at Not-Licked Yet. The Rainbow set is real wood. Buske said we could do phases, get a set, and then look at adding panels and handicapped accessibility, etc. Merkel asked if we could remove the leaf roof on the Willy Goat set.

Motion: (Merkel, Buske) to move forward with the Willy Goat set up to \$15,000 without the roof preferably. Carried

Signs: Buske said we have been working on design for the QR codes signs and the design feature is difficult to navigate. Buske asked for feedback on design and layout. The group had no issues with the layout. Linda Merline mentioned that the Green Tier committee talked about doing a QR code around town for directions etc. Merkel said that is a task for Visit Fish Creek. Staff and Buske will keep working on the signs.

Fall Lawn Care: Buske received estimates to add onto our lawn treatments, which is the best time to treat. The areas needing addition weed control are: the Community Center, the beach, and Noble Square. There is evidence of grub damage at Spruce Park and beetles at the Old Town Hall and at Community Center. Merkel said we need to take care of the grubs, so a skunk doesn't tear everything up. *Motion (Merkel, Kinsey-Jauquet) to go with the lawn care recommendations with TruGreen without the Former Kinsey Property not to exceed \$500.*

Parks:

No Discussion/Action.

2023 Budget: Buske asked if there is anything else we need to add. *Motion (Buske/Lancaster) to increase capital improvement line to 38k for the playground. Carried.* Budget will go to the Town Board for approval. See attached proposed budget.

Maintenance Requests/Questions:

Schedule Next Meeting: October 18, 2022, at 8 am, now the 3rd Tuesday.

Adjourn: *Motion: (Merkel, Kinsey-Jauquet) to adjourn at 8:45 A.M. Carried*

Respectfully Submitted,

Theresa Cain-Bieri
Treasurer, Deputy Clerk

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