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**TOWN OF GIBRALTAR  
PARKS AND LANDS COMMITTEE  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2022  
MINUTES**

**Call to Order:** Buske called the meeting to order at 8:04 a.m.

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

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

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

**Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)** *Motion: (Merkel, Kerscher) to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2022, meeting minutes as written. Carried.*

**Public Comment:** None

**Reports:**

**Invasive Species:** Lancaster didn't have anything. Buske said the couple that helped pull Dames Rocket sent an information sheet about a new invasive we should be looking for and they are eager to keep going with the invasives.

**Gardens:** Buske said gardens are officially closed for the season and the gardener is done but the gardening volunteer is going to do a winter display.

**Lighthouse:** Zellner's submitted a report, and the lighthouse is officially closed. Buske thanked the Zellner's for their hard work this season.

**Chair:** Buske said one of the owners from the yellow condos came in to see Travis on Friday and is disappointed that nothing has been done at the retention pond. Everything that was supposed to be done was done. Buske said we could mulch. The one of the condo owners thinks they were promised a berm, but there was never any talk of a berm at a committee level or approved plan by Parks & Lands and Town Board. Buske proposes that we mulch the area with the fresh cedar mulch because it will take longer to decay and possibly add some shrubs to be a good neighbor. Travis said it is more about the view of the pond, it was built exactly to design. The town has met the criteria of completing the plan to specs. Travis believes this is the only solution and would be making an effort. The approximate cost would be about \$200 and there isn't an area where we can access so everything has to be small and have to be careful not to puncture the liner. The town maintenance crew have been working hard on collection of leaves and have done a great job in 2022.

**Bike Ped Plan:** Buske said the Plan commission is working on the comprehensive plan and would like to incorporate the Bike Ped Plan. This is the homework for next month, please make notes on the plan and we can keep it moving forward. Linda Merline said should start by looking at the goals and action and reference pages 17-19 and sort out the keepers. Linda said Baylake is trying set a new simpler plan with actions. Travis they are trying to make the reader more engaged and interactive. Buske asked about the Corp plan and Theresa said we will need to do that as well for RTP grants. Linda suggested getting in

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touch with previous committee members and tell them that this is being worked on and they might want to come to the next meeting.

**Green Tier:** Parks and Lands was asked to could consider two goals of adding more recycling trash receptables in town and adding qr codes around town showing public restrooms, recycling, public parking, etc. Buske asked to have the log of trash/recycling receptables at the next meeting for review. Fish Creek civic already has a map of downtown, could the QR code be added to that map? Kerscher will investigate the map. The charging stations will be a collaborative effort amongst multiple committees and groups with installation and location. Travis said he and Linda attended the countywide Green Tier meeting and Gibraltar focused on things we are doing here like the cottage row turn around with natural grass, etc. Travis said the committee needs to add another member. The Green Tier committee submitted 3 goals; the Planning commission is going to work on the third goal more charging stations in town.

**Update on Fish Creek Park projects:** Travis said we installed a tracking pad to bring equipment for the fish passage. Work should begin next week after we receive a permit from the state. Grube construction is doing the project. Travis said the crew also cut out a few Ash trees in the process.

**New Benches:** Buske talked with the lady that wants to put a bench at the cemetery, they will meet and decide on exact location. She may also donate a tree. We also received a donation for a deluxe bench. We also have money in the Digger fund, and the Allen family may also donate a bench. These would be at Noble Square. Travis said we currently have 26 wood benches left, they put together 6 new benches, so they will take the 6 worst benches, leaving 20 old benches in the fleet. Buske said those benches are earmarked for individuals, Buske and Travis will work together in spring.  
No Discussion/Action.

#### **Playground update:**

**Winter Projects:** Merkel asked for the picnic tables to be stored for the winter. Lancaster asked if we have room to store all the benches? Travis said yes. Buske would like to see 1 or 2 staggered through town. The ones in Noble square and Community center stay. All the wood benches have been removed. Travis said the picnic tables at the beach will go under the awning. Travis will work with maintenance to decide which ones remain and which are removed.

Buske referenced Parks & Lands brought the goals sheet, in 2022 we have the overlook at FC Park, playground, disc golf, remapping of Fish Creek Park, Corp plan, and repair at Champagne Rock. The overlook would tie together with viewing the fish passage. The remapping should wait until the other projects are completed. Maps at the kiosk could be updated. We could also make the invasive flyer in advance.

**Maintenance Requests/Questions:** Travis said the snow fence is up and Cedar trees are wrapped.

**Schedule Next Meeting: December 20, 2022, at 8 am, now the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday.**

**Adjourn: Motion: (Kerscher, Lancaster) to adjourn at 8:56 A.M. Carried**

Respectfully Submitted,

Theresa Cain-Bieri  
Treasurer, Deputy Clerk

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