

**TOWN OF GIBRALTAR
PARKS AND LANDS COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2023
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, Jayson Merkel, and Treasurer Theresa Cain-Bieri present. Andrea Kinsey-Jauquet arrived at 8:04 a.m. Kat Kerscher absent.

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

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

Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting(s) *Motion: (Merkle, Lancaster) to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2023, meeting minutes as written. Carried.*

Public Comment: None

Reports:

Invasive Species: None, Buske said she got a call connected with the school and are trying to do an “eco-thon” and were reaching out if they might be able to help in the town. Buske mentioned Dames rocket pulling and cleaning up the sticks at Noble Square.

Gardens: Buske said there is going to be a Master Gardens presentation at Crosswords on Jan 19th, it is available via zoom as well. Buske has the information if anyone is interested.

Lighthouse: Buske said the Zellner’s biggest concern is the tower hatch and would like it completed because they worried about further damage and moisture. Another concern is the lighthouse road, connected to the main town road. There is a hill and it washes out, needs grading and filling. We will pass onto maintenance. There is a lighthouse tour in June, if it could be passable before then it would be great. Need to look into sealing the cistern to keep it from deteriorating. Zellners will look at siding and molding to fix up the outhouse, the materials are already there. Painting will happen this summer as well. They will also move the stove to a new location and make everything more user-friendly. The town did receive memorials, we have \$405 YTD in honor of Mary Ann Blahnik. GHA did receive a \$25 donation and will reimburse the Zellners for a clock they purchased. Zellners suggested we could do a dedication this summer as well and do something for the Blahniks.

Chair: Buske said everything of discussion is on the agenda.

Review Bike Ped Plan: Buske said we have taken the changes suggested, the red is what it said prior, and the cranberry color is the updated change. Changing from a policy to an action. Completed projects were removed. Under goals should add Connectivity Trail system between neighboring municipalities. We could use the verbiage from the bottom of 3.1.

Buske said if we are all happy with the changes, we can move it to the town board. *Motion: (Merkle, Lancaster) to make the suggested changes and move it onto the Town Board for approval. Carried.*

Mulch: Cain-Bieri contacted Algoma Hardwoods the cost is \$891/load with delivery, and we have \$2000 budgeted for the year. Buske said we didn't mulch as much as needed last year, so one load could be tight.

Motion: (Merkel, Kinsey-Jauquet) to purchase 2 loads of mulch. Carried.

Benches: Buske said she is meeting with a donor to pick out the bench at the cemetery, the cost we have on the donation site is appropriate. The benches we have picked out at Noble square are more expensive, as they are made of concrete and recycled plastic. There is no maintenance with the recycled plastic. There are no slabs at Noble Square, so we will need that too. With freight and bench it is almost \$2000. We could change the donation site to list "Noble Square benches" specifically. Buske needs a cost and type of bench to let the donor family know the cost etc. Based on available location availability, only one slab is needed. Merkle said we consider making the slab a donation venture as well.

Motion: (Buske, Merkel) change the donation page to \$2000 for Noble Square bench. Carried.

Green Tier Trash Cans and Map: Costs for the trashcans are high and we have nothing budgeted for the year. The committee can look at budgeting funds in the next budget cycle. Buske said we should add the bike racks and parks to the map for the qr code. This will be discussed again next month.

Lighthouse Keepers: With the passing of Mary Ann Blahnik the committee should consider officially appoint the Zellners as lighthouse keepers.

Motion: (Merkel, Kinsey-Jauquet) appoint Leon and Sharon Zellner as the Chamber's Island Lighthouse Keepers. Carried. The motion will be forwarded onto the Town Board for approval.

Tree Seedlings for Gibraltar School Program: Buske said we do a program with the school every year, we have been doing donated softwood trees. With the amount of Ash that have fallen, Buske put together the sheet to put hardwood trees back into the park. The cost is \$6-\$8 each and we would purchase a liquid gel to dip the roots, fertilizer, and blue tubes to protect against animals. Total cost would be under \$200. We have planted swamp-white oak in the past and they have done the best. Buske said oak create a source of food for more species found in nature. *Motion: (Merkel, Kinsey-Jauquet) to purchase swamp-white oak not to exceed \$200. Carried.*

Project Assignments for 2023: Buske asked the committee to look at the project list and start or lead up that particular project.

Corp plan- Buske

Invasive Flyer- Lancaster

Weed Warrior- Lancaster

ADA Compliant Beach- Merkle

Play area at FC Park (Climber)-

Bicycle Ed and/or signage- Kinsey-Jauquet will also add awareness and education.

Tree Planting w/FOG- Buske

Well at Chambers-

Maintenance Requests/Questions: Mulch, slab at Noble Square for bench.

Schedule Next Meeting: March 21 at 8:00 a.m.

Adjourn: *Motion:(Merkel, Kinsey-Jauquet) to adjourn at 9:12 A.M. Carried*

Respectfully Submitted,

Theresa Cain-Bieri
Treasurer, Deputy Clerk

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