

**TOWN OF GIBRALTAR
PARKS AND LANDS COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2023
MINUTES**

Approved: 09/19/2023

Call to Order: Buske called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

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

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) *Motion: (Merkel, Lancaster) to approve the minutes of the July 18, 2023, meeting minutes as amended. Carried.*

Public Comment:

Reports:

Invasive Species: Buske said she went through the park where the honeysuckle was cut last year, and no evidence of anything coming back. Buske suggested marking again. Lancaster will look into doing a honeysuckle blast again.

Gardens: Buske reported the gardens are doing well, deer are eating the hostas and bugs eating hibiscus. Buske updated on the Cottage Row Turnaround, working on coming up with a less intense maintenance plan for the area.

Chair: Buske reported it is wonderful news that the electors approved purchasing the Redmann property. This allows for an additional 55 acres of watershed, 60 acres of upland, and 5 acres for park like improvements. This will bring our grand total of park land to 191 acres in the Town of Gibraltar. Thank you, Theresa, for getting another DDC grant for \$100,000 for the land purchase.

Destination Door County Municipal Park Funds: The Town has been granted an additional \$16,000 for park improvements. Discussed the parameters and requirements for using the funds. Options presented were a drinking fountain for Clark Park, Playground add on panels, bike racks for the trailer lot, and picnic table. *Motion (Merkel, Lancaster) to do all of the projects presented. Carried.*

Green Tier QR Code Recommendation Status: No update.

Picnic Tables: Of the new tables planned to order, one to Clark Park and one to the Kinsey Property.

Bench Donation: Buske said someone contacted her about donating a bench for Blossomburg Cemetery to honor Judith Nelson, even though she is not buried there. Buske said there is a section with a row of pines where up to two more benches could be placed. *Motion (Jacquet/Lancaster) to accept the bench donation. Carried.*

Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan Update: Cain-Bieri updated possibilities with a CORP grant in the future. Will continue to work on the plan.

Library Umbrella Request: Buske said the library would like to purchase umbrellas for the table at the Community Center. Most likely wouldn't happen until next year. The library would purchase them. *Motion (Merkel, Jacquet) to approve the purchase of the umbrellas. Carried.*

Lawn Care: Buske met with lawn care, weed application will begin in fall. With Noble House construction and Hwy 42 project, some of the seeding didn't take. They could either do an aeration overseed or power seeding. *Motion (Merkel/ Jacquet) to have Nobel Square aerated and overseeded in the fall. Carried.*

Lighthouse Report and Possible Expenditures: Sharon Zellner said the hatch still has to be done, some of what was done is cracking. Cistern we are waiting on an official quote, verbal quote of approx.. \$5500. They are hoping to get a firm number this fall. The downspouts were disconnected from the cistern, but will keep an eye on it, is losing about an inch per week with no rain. The potbelly stove in the living room has been hooked up with a stop in the building. The second stove is more ornate and that one is almost completely painted and will be going into the bedroom on the first floor. The third one will go upstairs probably next year. The bathroom exterior has been painted, and trim and roofing will continue. Al Matzke looked at the wood on the south end of the lighthouse, it needs to be replaced but thinks the soffit is in good shape. The north end doesn't appear as bad. NEW Painting asked if we had someone to do the repairs because they could not do it, the town will access the repairs. The quote for the painting will come after the repairs are done. Slowly working on getting Blahnik's items removed.

Administrator Report and Maintenance Update and Concerns: The Chambers Island walk through occurred a few weeks ago, and items at the Lighthouse were identified. Maintenance still has plans to go out this fall and will continue working on the roads as well. Maintenance has been trying a sweeper at the parks to clean up the goose droppings.

Schedule Next Meeting: September 19, 2023 at 8:00 am.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Theresa Cain-Bieri, Treasurer

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