

# PARK BOARD REPORT



## Meeting held Tues. July 12, 2011



Park Board President Linda Powell convened the meeting at the Town Hall. Secretary Lynette Johnson and members Brad Bell and Gary Lowell were present.

Powell told Lowell that they were many people who commented on the new composite railings replacing the old ones on the stairs leading to Congdon Park. Work was done prior to the 2011 Homecoming on July 8, 9 and 10 that took place in Congdon Park.

## Bristol, Indiana has 4 Parks



### *Upcoming Park Events*

Congdon Park: Sat. Aug 13 at dusk - Family Movie "Toy Story 3." Popcorn, soft drinks and ice cones or ice cream will be free at the event. Linda Powell is looking for a volunteer to learn to operate the video equipment as a backup. The Dedication of the Karsyn Bell Pirate Ship Playground Equipment was held on Saturday, July 25 after the very successful Heart City Rods Car Show held that day from 9am to 2pm.

## **Town Manager's Report**

Town Manager Bill Wuthrich reported that the Parks are enjoying good use, especially by walkers and those using the playground equipment. The Hermance Park Pavilion is rented most weekends. He reviewed the 2011 Park Budget with the Board. No Audience was present, and there were no presentations to the Board.

## **Congdon Park Report:**

There was continuing discussion regarding ordering a Pet Station so that dog walkers could deposit pet waste in a proper container. Board is reviewing styles and costs and whether there should be one or two stations. They are also considering more trash bins along the walking path. They are also considering adding more seating areas in the park, especially near the playground equipment. A water park has been suggested for the park for next year to be installed somewhere near the playground, but out of the way for the Homecoming Festivals. The rubber base has been installed in the play area, and the Park lights have been repaired. If the August Movie Night event is successful, they will try to plan another one for early September.

## **Cummins Park Report:**

The new Elk statue has been placed on Park property near the Museum Quilt Garden. The Bristol statue is named "Elk-Royal" and was created by Jacquelyn Smith-Windbigler and sponsored by Frank and Tonja Lucchese Family. It is a part of the Elk Art on Parade project which is a benefit to raise funds for CAPS (Child & Parent Services). The Elks will be auctioned off at a time to be announced later in the year. There are several trees down in the rear of the park near the River

## **Hermance Park Report:**

Wuthrich followed up on Powell's request to ask when the DNR will be removing the bad tree on the edge of the St. Joe River in the Park.. She feels that it is a safety issue and should be taken care of. Wuthrich said that once again they agreed that it was on their property and they would take care of it, but did not say when. A renter complained that the tables in The Pavilion were dirty and needed to be cleaned. Lowell is taking care of that issue. The sand was replaced in the play area in Hermance Park.

## **Memorial Park Report:**

Powell and Johnson got flowers for the areas that need decorating and have planted them. In addition, with the help of a volunteer, they were able to trim the bushes in the Park. Powell is still interested in finding interested persons from the area for a Friends of the Park group.

## **Old/New Business:**

Powell reported on the Homecoming Festival which went very well. The trash was picked up in a timely manner, and the street sweeper came in on the Sunday after and swept up everything, including the horse road apples. The biggest complaint was the lack of rides for teenagers. Although it was a new operator this year and they did have fewer teen rides, the total receipts were very positive. There was only one minor incident that required police intervention, involving an argument between two people. There was a lack of children's games this year, as well, as there were fewer volunteers from the church groups who have organized them in the past. Due to dry weather, it was very dusty at the Carnival this year.

**Next Park Board Meeting:** Tuesday, Aug. 9 at 6pm at the Town Hall.