



Bristol Indiana Parks

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The Park Board will paint the pavilion in the Memorial Park at the corner of S.R. 15 south and S.R. 120 in the same colors as the pavilion in Congdon Park to give both parks a feeling of continuity. A few repairs need to be made to the roof there, also.

Sept. 2018 Park Board Meeting

President Scott Dreamer, VP Linda Powell, and

Member Penny Bucks attended.

Toni Miller was absent. Program

Director Stacey Bales has

resigned. Town Council Liaison

Delbert Schrock attended with

Park Board Secretary RoseMary

McDaniel. Next meeting Tuesday, Oct. 9, 2018 at the new location at Bristol Fire Station at 6pm. Public is welcome to attend the meetings..



More Friends of the Park Needed:

The Bristol Parks get lots of visitors especially to the

Splash Pad, Walking Paths and

Playground and Exercise

Equipment. But not many think of

giving back by donating a few

hours a month to helping the Park

Board with the activities and

events. Volunteering to help with upcoming events are what we need Friends for!

Call for Info:

574-848-7007

Meeting called to order at 6 pm on September 11, 2018.

August meeting minutes were approved. Powell made the motion, and Dreamer seconded it.

Visitors & Presentations:

Susie Meeks-Wade, a member of Bristol on the River (BOTR) worked on planning park events with member Penny Bucks who presented several events to the Board, including a Bristol Storytelling event on Friday evening, October 12, 2018 at Congdon Park from 6:30-8:30pm, sponsored by Bristol Parks. It will be a free event with beverages and snacks provided. Everyone is invited to tell tall tales (fact or fiction) or just listen. Flyers will be put up around Town. This is not a campaign event. Additional event ideas for 2018 and 2019 will be presented later in the year.

Bristol on the River: There was no further update from Bristol on the River group on their events, since their VP Whitney Pierli did not attend.

Friends of the Park

Friend of the Parks Lions Club was represented by Member Mike Long. He said they were available to help with upcoming projects. The Club is currently meeting at the Fire Station. Bristol Lions are recruiting volunteers to help with the gathering and bundling of corn stalks for the fall light pole decor. The group will be manpower for this and the Town Halloween party. The committee organizing the Town Party that will be held at the Bristol Fire Dept. on Sat., Oct. 27, 2018 at 7-10pm is meeting regularly and needs volunteers to help with the event. Hay ride route is being determined. Trick or Treat Day for Bristol will be on Halloween, Wednesday, October 31, 2018 from 5-7pm. Participants are requested to have their porch light on. For more information, contact the Town Hall at 574-848-7007.

Budget Discussion:

Regarding the investment of the donation to the Parks of \$50,000, the Board voted to invest \$20,000 in a 6 month C.D. Powell made the motion and Bucks seconded. Motion approved. Powell reported that the Park Board budget was complete and submitted to the State.

Congdon Park:

Board will have signs made to post at Congdon and Cummins Park that these 2 pavilions are also for rent and to contact Town Hall. A stipulation will be that rental cannot be for consecutive days. The fees for rental of all three pavilions (Hermance, Congdon and Cummins) will be worked out along with Town Manager Mike Mitchell and go into effect by January 1, 2019. Town Mgr. will have dead donated bushes in Park dug up and replaced. Powell will talk to supplier about the replacement and if they will be charged or not. Powell suggested that Maintenance could put up stick and strings at riverside to keep geese from coming up into Park as they did last year.

Cummins Park:

Dreamer presented info on suggested Kids' climbing equipment for Park - Play Webs or Matrix Webs - constructed of all ropes, which would be constructed on hill below Museum. Board agreed Dreamer will chose appropriate structure. Costs for the equipment would be from \$10,000 to 15,000 - depending how elaborate it would be. It would be for age range 5-12 years old. It will be securely anchored and have a mulch or rubber base. It will be a 75 x 50 play area and can hold up to 10 kids. He is getting quotes. There was no further discussion of it, but as approved in July, Town Mgr. is having the cement area around the Splash Pad widened once the Pad is shut down for the winter and add the 2 new features - need to purchase the top portions.

Cummins Park (continued)

In August there was discussion on rental of entire park (cost?) and also charging for rental of Pavilion and considering building an additional Pavilion there - half covered and half open for parents to use while supervising children on the Splash Pad, and also extending sidewalks to make Park more handicapped accessible.. Powell suggests that Board think about adding more tables, as tables are being moved to accommodate visitors. There was discussion on having electricity provided at pavilion in Cummins Park, and Dreamer will discuss with Town Manager and get quotes. Dreamer made motion to provide electricity and Powell seconded. Motion passed. Bucks will get pricing and information on a portable sound system for parks. Bucks will talk with Bristol Library and Asst. Town Clerk Jill Swartz to get pricing on a license for Parks to show movies. There was discussion on adding kids' games like hopscotch ones at the school playground or adding a shuffle board pattern on the basketball court. They also discussed having a horseshoe pit at one of the parks if there is interest by a local group. There was also a discussion on having a temporary ice skating park, for which Jill had looked into prices. However, Scott determined that it doesn't get cold for long enough for the expense of getting and maintaining one.

Hermance Park:

Scott Dreamer will be getting from Bryan Bear the quotes that he got for work on Hermance Park to be reviewed to see what else may be needed after flooding damage repair is done. New sink plumbing will be done by Bristol Plumbing. At this point, Board doesn't want to spend a lot of money on inside of pavilion.. The work done after the flood repaired the ceiling and painted the system that holds them up. They now have a humidifier in place, but still need to replace bathroom fixtures.

Memorial Park:

Need followup from Town Manager on moving the two evergreens from Fire Dept. - one to Congdon Park and one to Memorial Park as possible future Christmas tree. Also Town Manager following up on painting Pavilion in park to match the one in Congdon Park as agreed by the Board last time. STP did painting on former Congdon pavilion. Also will paint the roof on the community sign. Bristol on the River (BOTR) will be doing a quilt mural on the side of the Open Door Center (design #16). They would use parking in the parking lot behind the Open Door Center. They might want to put an info stand in the park to give details on the quilt program. The BOTR has 2 choices for the mural: leave it up all year, take it down and find a place to store it, or cover it with a vinyl cover with ads from local businesses. Powell also informed the Board that the vinyl cover for the electric box in the park is probably not necessary, since the bushes there cover most of the box anyway. December Town Christmas tree lighting will be held at a tree at Fire Station this year.

Old Business:

1. Jill Swartz gave information to Park Board on how to access their town email, but none of them have been able to access it. So Scott will get with Jill to get help accessing and advise Board.
2. Fire Dept. needs to move or get rid of the community garden beds and the water barrel. Scott will talk to the Food Pantry at Open Door Center to see if the gardens and water barrel can be moved to the parking lot there. If not, at least the water barrel can be moved to Powell's garage for storage.

Old Business (continued)

3. Issues for Town Party on Oct. 27, 2018: Board voted to give not more than \$300 toward candy for treat bags. Scott made motion and Linda seconded. Motion carried. Fire Dept. asked about having portable restrooms for the Party instead of using the ones in Fire Dept. Powell agreed to follow up on it. Linda made motion to rent and Bucks seconded. Motion passed.

1. **UPDATE:** Town Manager spoke with Tim Grate at Satellite Industries at the Ground Breaking last week Mr. Grate had asked about what portable restrooms might still be needed and was told by Town Manager that still needed them at Hermance Park (one regular and one handicapped, and that they also would like to have 2 regular and one handicapped for the Halloween Party on Oct. 27. Town Manager will followup with Mr. Grate.

4. Need followup on whether Town or BOTR will be doing Town Banners. Town Mgr. had previously suggested that since Memorial Park is on Bristol's busiest corner, that they should consider doing a Welcome to Bristol type banner as a four-piece archway to the 4 corners of the Town. It would need to be placed very high so that tall semis could safely pass under it.

New Business:

1. Jill Swartz left a list of some ideas for the Park on the table in the conference room for the Board, that included an Easter Egg Hunt. The Bristol on the River group would be doing this event, and a local homeschool program and Bristol Teen Queen and her mother want to help. Dreamer suggested that they use pre-filled plastic eggs like the ones that the Middlebury Fire Dept. uses. Balance of 2019 events and those on Bucks program schedule can be discussed in October, also followup on Christmas Tree lighting.

2. Dreamer asked Board to review 5 year Plan which Town Manager has offered to help Board update so that Parks can remain complaint and be able to apply for grants.

3. Powell reported that she, Bucks and Town Manager had worked on a preliminary Disaster/Recovery Plan for the Parks which Powell is putting in final form for Board to review. Powell and Bucks need to go down to Hermance Park to check on location of switches, etc.

4. Dreamer advised that due to work issues that he would dial into Park Board meeting for both October and December from the Fire Station in order to be available for a vote in case there was not a quorum.

Adjournment:

Dreamer made motion to adjourn and Bucks seconded. Motion approved

The next Park Board meeting is on Tuesday, October 9, 2018 at 6pm at the Bristol Fire Station. Public welcome.

Submitted 9-17-18 Rev. 1 on 7-18-18 by Secretary, RoseMary McDaniel.