



Bristol Indiana Parks

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The Bristol on the River group is sponsoring a Decorating Contest for the Light Poles in Bristol. Town Businesses were given a scarecrow to decorate an assigned pole. But there are still some poles available for decorating by Town Residents. Go to the Bristol on the River Facebook page for details.

Oct Park Board Meeting 10-10-17



All four Park Board Members were in attendance at the meeting as well as secretary RoseMary McDaniel and Town Council liaison Delbert Schrock. New

Member Toni Miller has replaced Sara Stalter who resigned. Miller has been a Bristol resident for 20 years, moving here when she was 12. She has participated in many Bristol activities. The next Park Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 10, 2017 at the Town Hall at 6pm.

Train Name Contest



The Bristol Library will hold a naming contest for the new Train in Cummins Park on Sat. Nov. 11, 2017 at the Library in conjunction with their 100th

Anniversary Celebration. Stop in and cast your vote for a name for the Train and enjoy the Library events that day. See all Park events on our Facebook Page.

Visit the Bristol Parks Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/BristolINParks/>

Meeting called to order at 6pm on Tues. Oct. 10, 2017

Minutes and Roll Call:

All four Park Board Members attended the meeting, including New Park Board Member, Toni Miller. Since the Aug. & Sept. meetings had no quorum, a motion was by Linda Powell and seconded by Scott Dreamer to approve the previous minutes. Motion Approved.

Visitors & Presentations:

Gary Yoder of Elkhart and Tina Etling of Bristol came to the Board meeting to introduce the Board to Pickle Ball, which is a game played tennis courts with a wiffle ball and bat with up to 4 Pickle Ball courts fitting in a tennis court. They reported that it is an increasingly popular sport in the area, especially with kids and families. Outlines for the courts could be made with removable tape or permanent painted lines on one of the existing courts. There was discussion also about adding a separate new court for the game. Due to the lateness of the season, the Board tabled further discussion until next Spring.

Friends of the Park Report:

Linda Powell advised that the Bristol on the River group had volunteered to help with the decorating of the corn stalks on the Town light poles, and had provided a flyer and a scarecrow to local businesses in Bristol to enter a contest to decorate a pole. There are also some extra poles for Bristol Residents to claim for decorating. Go to the Bristol on the River Page on Facebook for more information.

More Friends of the Parks are needed to help make Park events a success! Park Board is STILL seeking community members to join the Friends of the Park. New members do NOT need to live in the Town. There is NO fee for being a Friends of the Bristol Parks, unlike some such organizations who do require a membership fee. For more information: Contact Linda Powell at asasgrandma@gmail.com. Or, post that you'd like to help out on the Bristol Parks Facebook page.

Budget Review:

The Board discussed the Budget Fund Report, and Linda Powell and Bryan Baer will consult with Town Clerk/Treasurer to obtain more information. All further purchases for 2017 have been put on hold for now.

Congdon Park:

Linda Powell reported that the plaques have been installed for the donated trees and equipment for both Congdon and Cummins Park.

Cummins Park:

The Splash pad has been closed for the season, all the new equipment has been installed. There was some minor damage done to the Wooden Train, which has been repaired by the Town Maintenance Dept., as well as a issue with the Little Library which has been resolved.

Hermance Park:

Bryan Baer has provided quotes for the upgrade of the Pavilion to improve the kitchen, bathrooms and ceiling. He has been working with Asst. Town Clerk and Grant Writer Jill Swartz on applying for grant to be able to proceed with the work next year. They would also like funding for path lights in Cummins Park. The cost would be about \$21,000 for the project.

Memorial Park:

Brian Baer is still inquiring with the owner of the equipment box in the Park about installing a colorful vinyl wrap picturing the Town sign.

Old Business:

Pending Discussion Issues:

1. Board needs to check with Ron Norman on return of Bristol Beautification Award from the Bristol Bugle to Town.
2. Scott Dreamer is working with Jill Swartz on the final donation letter to be mailed out to local businesses requesting their help in improving Bristol Parks with any size donation or offer to help in the effort.
3. The next meeting of Bristol on the River will be on Tuesday, Nov. 7 at 6pm at the Bristol Library. This is open to all residents and businesses of Bristol, and those interested are encouraged to attend. The group has been named Bristol on the River (BOTR). Indiana Main Street (IMS) encourages the revitalization and restoration of downtown areas in Indiana cities and towns. The program provides technical assistance and educational opportunities to participating communities. Indiana Main Street is the state's coordinating program to the National Main Street Center. Several Park Board members need to attend this meeting. Public is also invited to attend.
4. The Board passed on purchasing an Ice Rink that could be temporarily installed in the Park.

New Business:

1. President Scott Dreamer asked Park Board Members to review the Park 5-year Plan and each come up with a list of what projects should be priority with a thought to updating the Plan. Among issues to be considered: Cummins Park new play equipment and upgrading base material for Playground equipment to meet latest standards that moves away from shredded rubber to mats to meet new ADA requirements.
2. Board received input from Town Clerk to update the Park Board Term Dates and the Re-Appointment Dates. The members are on a yearly rotation schedule of a new term for a member each year on a 4 year basis. See attached Schedule as of Oct. 11, 2017.
3. The Bristol Town Fall Party, sponsored by the Bristol Police and Fire Departments will be held at the Bristol Fire Station on Saturday, Oct. 28, 2017 from 8-10pm - with an inside haunted Sleepy Hollow house. a family Halloween Costume Dance and Hay rides with on-board storytellers pointing out the Spooky Places in Bristol on the ride.
The Trick or Treat night for Bristol will be on Tuesday, October 31, 2017 from 5:30-7:00pm. Participants should turn on their Porch Lights.

Motion to Adjourn Meeting:

Scott Dreamer made the Motion, and Toni Miller seconded. Motion approved.

**The next Park Board meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 14, 2017 at 6pm at the Town Hall.
Public welcome.**

Revised Oct. 17, 2017 by Secretary, RoseMary McDaniel.