



Bristol Indiana Parks

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Jan. Park Board Meeting 1-9-2018.

Park Board Members Pres. Scott Dreamer, VP: Bryan Baer and Linda Powell were present. Member Toni Miller and Secretary RoseMary McDaniel were ill and absent. Also present were Town Council liaison members Delbert Schrock and Ron Norman. Bristol Lions' Club representative Mike Long and Visitor Susie Meeks-Wade also attended. Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 14, 2018 at the Town Hall at 6pm.



Little Big Idea Grant won by Wade.

Susie Meeks-Wade of Bristol attended the meeting to announce she had won a \$1000 Little Big Idea Grant from the Vibrant Communities for her idea of having a "Lunar Lunch" Love Where You Live" in Bristol later this year. She may be using the Elkhart County Museum gym or may come to the Bristol Park Board later this year to request use of Cummins Park if circumstances and weather permit an outside v/s an inside event.



Meeting called to order at 5:58pm on January 9, 2018.

Minutes and Roll Call:

President Scott Dreamer, Vice President Bryan Baer, and member Linda Powell attended. Members approved December meeting minutes as corrected. President Scott Dreamer made the motion and Linda Powell made the second. Member Toni Miller was ill and absent as was Secretary RoseMary McDaniel.

Visitors & Presentations:

Bristol Lions' Club representative Mike Long came to the meeting to act as liaison for the Lions' Club to partner with Park Board on various projects. The Lions' Club will hold their meetings, beginning in January, 2018 in the Hermance Park Pavilion on the 4th Monday of the month, unless it is rented out. Visitor Susie Meeks-Wade attended to announce the \$1000 Little Big Idea grant she has received from the Vibrant Communities for "Lunar Lunch - Love Where You Live" Bristol event in the Elkhart Co. Museum gym, or may ask to use Cummins Park later this year.

Programs and Friends of the Park Report:

President Scott Dreamer has asked East Lakes Fitness to come to the next meeting to discuss their offering tennis lessons this summer for kids. He announced that Pickle Ball will be starting on the Tennis Courts in Cummins Park this Spring. Friends of the Park are important to the mission of the Parks Dept. 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:

After a review of the current status of the Park Board Budget for 2017 provided by the Town Clerk/Treasurer, the Park Board they announced that the appropriations sheet showed that they save 19% of their 2017 budget.

Congdon Park:

The Board discussed an issue with San-Kan. They were being charged the same rate for the winter months as the spring, summer and fall months. They will work on getting a new contract with San-Kan for 2018. They had the best rate of two other companies. There was also a discussion on the bike path that is planned to go through Congdon Park.

Cummins Park:

The new fitness equipment has arrived. It will be installed in the Spring.

Hermance Park:

No issues discussed.

Memorial Park:

No issues discussed.

Old Business: Pending Discussion Issues:

Mike Long of the Lions Club said that the Club would like to help with the Community Garden this year. No grants are available to apply for at this time.

New Business:

Vice President Bryan Baer handed in a resignation letter. Too many things going on in his life at this time. New baby on the way, and he wants to do some more work for his church. Board was sad to see him go, but accepted his resignation letter and thanked him for his service. They will need to advertise for new Park Board Member.

Meeting adjourned at 6:52pm.

The next Park Board meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2018 at 6pm will be at the Town Hall. Public welcome.

Submitted 1-13-18 by Secretary, RoseMary McDaniel.

New Business (continued)

2. Park Board will discuss the obligation of Park Board members to attend all scheduled meetings unless there is an emergency since too many times in 2017, when there was no quorum, so no votes could be taken.
3. Susie Meeks-Wade will attend the January 2018 meeting to advise Park Board of the Lunar Lunch and Celebration of Bristol event that she has planned for Cummins Park in Spring or Summer of 2018. She received a Big Little Grant last week to fund the program.
4. Bryan Baer will work with the Maintenance Department to make a sign: Bristol Pirate Express for the Wood Train in Cummins Park.
5. The next meeting of Bristol on the River (BOTR) will be held on Tuesday, January 2, 2018 at the Bristol Library at 6pm. Park Board and Community Members are urged to attend since BOTR is partnering with the Bristol Park Board on projects.

Adjournment:

Bryan Baer made motion, and Scott Dreamer seconded. Motion approved.

**The next Park Board meeting on Tuesday, January 9, 2017 at 6pm at the Town Hall.
Public welcome.**

Submitted December 9, 2017 by Secretary, RoseMary McDaniel.