



# Bristol Indiana Parks

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The Bristol Indiana Annual Fall Party was held on Saturday, October 27, 2018 at the Bristol Fire Station, and Hermance Park. The haunted house, the children’s activities and the haunted wagon rides were enjoyed by all. Photo courtesy Penny Bucks.

## Nov. 2018 Park Board Meeting

President Scott Dreamer, VP Linda Powell, and Member Penny Bucks attended. Town Mgr. Mitch Mitchell & Town Council Liaison Delbert Schrock attended. Park Board Secretary RoseMary McDaniel. was absent. Next meeting



Tuesday, Dec. 11, 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 Nov 13, 2018.**

There were no minutes from the October 9 meeting, since there was no quorum and no business was conducted.

### **Visitors & Presentations:**

Jaelyn Allen was introduced by her father. She is a local 14-year old student who is interested in the open park board position. The Board explained that she would need to be 18 years old to be a board member, but after a discussion, the Board agreed that she could become their youth liaison member and advise the Board on park activities that would be of interest to the youth of the community.

**Bristol on the River:** There was no further update from Bristol on the River group on their events.

### **Friends of the Park**

Bristol Lions' Club liaison Mike Long reported on the Lions' Club activities.

### **Budget:**

The appropriations report was reviewed and it was determined that there was sufficient money to move ahead on the purchase of the medium sized rope climbing feature for Cummings Park. Motion made by Scott Dreamer and seconded by Penny Bucks. Motion approved. Information was given to Town Manager Mitch Mitchell, who will order it.

### **Town Manager's Report:**

Bristol Town Manager Mitch Mitchell reported that the old slide has been removed from Hermance park. He has had contact with the DNR about new and original boat ramp repairs. Trees from Fire Station will be moved and planted in Congdon and Memorial Parks. Todd has been contacted and is waiting for the ground to freeze to remove limbs over Memorial Park Gazebo. The plumbing system in Hermance Park has been updated and the new sink has been installed..

### **Programs:**

Penny Bucks presented her recommendation for a sound system to be used by the Park Board for the different programs they will be having. Motion was made by Linda Powell and seconded by Scott Dreamer. Motion Passed to purchase the system. She provided the paperwork to Town Manager Mitch Mitchell who will purchase the system. Bucks is also looking into having another story telling event in January. She also presented ideas for a fitness program at one of the parks for all ages of in Bristol, which will be discussed at the next meeting.

### **Nominations for 2019 Officers**

Board agreed that all officers will maintain their current positions. RoseMary will be asked to continue as secretary. Motion made by Penny Bucks to retain officers, etc. and Linda Powell seconded. Motion passed.

### **New Business**

Board agreed to sell old sink to Lauren Howard for \$50. Linda Powell made motion, and Penny Bucks seconded. Motion approved.

## **New Business & Upcoming Events:**

**December Town Christmas tree lighting** will be held at a tree at Fire Station on Friday, Dec. 7, 2018 from 5-7pm.

**Santa Run and Stroll**, hosted by Michiana Pay it Forward will be held at St. Mary's Church in Bristol on Saturday, Dec. 8, 2018 from 9am to Noon. The Santa Run and Stroll is the most festive Christmas event in Michiana! Walk in the 1 mile fun walk and grab some cookies and cocoa while being led by horses in their best Christmas outfits. You can walk or run the 5K and still grab some cookies or candy canes along the route. For the dedicated runners, we offer a beautiful 10K route on primarily flat surface along county roads. The scenery is truly a winter wonderland! Gift cards from Fleet Feet Sports in Mishawaka for top finishers. ALL finishers receive momentums as they cross the finish line. Stay for the after party at a chance to win Christmas gifts and a full breakfast!

On Friday Dec 7th when you pick up your packet, stay and enjoy the Christmas tree lighting and cookies and cocoa with Santa! This event is more than just "another run". It's become a family tradition for many! Strollers and dogs welcome. We even have treats for our 4 legged friends! This event benefits The Michiana Pay It Forward Foundation where we teach children about giving back to their community and reaching out with kindness without expectation of return.

## **Old Business:**

1. Bucks will talk with Bristol Library and Asst. Town Clerk Jill Swartz to get pricing on a license for Parks to show movies.
2. In Spring, Town Manager will have painting of Pavilion in Hermance park done to match the one in Congdon Park as agreed by the Board last time. STP did painting on former Also work to be done in spring on Congdon park and including checking out the Congdon Park stairs. Also will paint sign & roof of community sign. in Memorial Park to match.
3. Linda will follow up on this, as she is still not able to access it. 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.
4. Town Manager made contact with Satellite and new regular and handicapped portable restrooms were placed there. Park Board needs to write letter of thanks for donation from them.
5. 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.**
6. 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.

**Meeting was adjourned at 7pm.**

**The next Park Board meeting is on Tuesday, December 11, 2018 at 6pm at the Bristol Fire Station. Public welcome.**

*Submitted 11-14-18 by Secretary, RoseMary McDaniel.*