



Bristol Indiana Parks

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Although fading now and ready to be taken down to make way for the Fall Cornstalks on the light poles, the summer flowers added a bright touch to downtown Bristol this year.

Sept. Park Board Meeting 9-12-17



Only 2 Park Board members, VP Bryan Baer & Member Linda Powell were in attendance at the meeting as well as secretary RoseMary McDaniel and Town

Council liaison Delbert Schrock. President Scott Dreamer was at the LaGrange Fire & Sara Stalter was absent. Minutes for previous meetings not approved since there was not a quorum. The next Park Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 10, 2017 at the Town Hall at 6pm, and Visitors are welcome.

Coming Soon:



Plans underway to place the donated wooden Train set in Cummins Park. So be sure to look for details soon for a contest at the Bristol Library

where members of the community can suggest a name for train, with a prize for the name that is selected. See all our events on our Facebook Page. Visit the Bristol Parks Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/BristolINParks/>

Meeting called to order at 6pm on Tues. Sept. 12, 2017

Minutes and Roll Call:

President Scott Dreamer and Member Sara Stalter were absent. Minutes not approved as noted above. Since there was no quorum, no decisions could be made, and there were only discussions over agenda issues. Scott Dreamer shared a letter from a potential new Board Member which was given to Delbert Schrock to present to Town Board for approval at Sept. Council Meeting on Thurs. Sept. 21.

Friends of the Park Report:

There was discussion regarding removal of the Town flowers to make way for the corn stalks decor. Linda Powell will ask Town Manager to have the hanging baskets removed, emptied and stored. The pots also need to be emptied - just pulling out the flowers - which takes a couple hours with several people working. Linda will contact other members to determine who can help. Volunteers to help are welcome.

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.

The Little Library for placement in Parks:

A free little library was placed in Cummins Park, donated by the Democratic Women of Elkhart Co. which was constructed of recycled wood by Dwight Fish. It is hoped that additional ones will follow in other parks.

Budget Review:

Linda Powell reported that Town Treasurer transferred \$9,000 to the Non-Reverting Fund.

Visitors and Presentations: Elkhart Truth Reporter Dani Messick attended to take notes for a story.

Congdon Park:

Linda Powell gave the signs for donated swing, benches and trees to Town Maintenance to attach to those items. The trees for the signs will need posts. There are donated items in both Congdon and Cummins Parks.

Cummins Park:

The donated wooden train has been installed in the Park. Bryan Baer shared the information on the two proposed new pieces of exercise equipment. Although they will likely not be ordered this year, the preferred items were the Exercise Bike for \$1,875.00 and the Squat Press for \$2,765.0. There was discussion about putting a bell on the train for kids to ring. There are some additional limbs to be removed in the park which Evans Tree Service will do. It was reported that the use of the facilities at Cummins Park have much increased this year, especially the Basketball Court with pickup games of 8-10 kids and families using the Tennis Court. There is the ability to add two additional features to the Splash Pad which need to be selected and ordered later. Next month they will discuss the additional exercise features.

Hermance Park:

They discussed ash removal from new grill, but decided it was a non-issue. Bryan Baer still working on quotes for upgrade of Pavilion. There was discussion that a trash can may be missing from the Pavilion.

Memorial Park:

Bryan Baer will call NIPSCO about installing a colorful vinyl wrap on the electric box in the Park.

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. It was reported that Scott has reviewed the Park Donation letter. The email for town hall will be added to the letter for someone wishing to inquire about donating. Linda will advise Jill to go ahead on it.
3. The next meeting of Bristol on the River will be on Tuesday, Sept. 26 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

New Business:

There was discussion on gathering and putting up the corn stalks for the light poles on Vistula Street for the Fall season. Linda Powell suggested having all done in one evening session: to all go together to collect the stalks, prepare the stalks by removing corn for farmer and storing in bags and put up the display. Fire Dept. needs to be contacted to see if they will help do the collecting of corn stalks since they may need some also for their Halloween Party. Also sort out the stalks in 25 pieces,, tie, and store in old Fire Dept. There was brief discussion on where Park items will be stored once old Fire Station is torn down for new Town Community Center with Police Dept. and Town meeting room. Linda Powell will contact the farmer to determine when the stalks can be connected. They would like to have it completed by the 2nd weekend in October - preferred to do on a one-time basis on Saturday. A group who previously worked on the ribbons may be able to help with them again. Any volunteers like Scouts, please post on Park's Facebook page.

There has been an inquiry on Facebook about when the Bristol Trick or Treat night will be this year. There was discussion on what kind of a Bristol Fall Party will be planned this year. Linda Powell will talk to Fire Chief Nik Kantz about the Party.

The Outdoor Ice Rink for which the Board received information from Jill Swartz on a vendor who is offering a portable ice rink for one of the parks for the winter skating season. It can be removed and stored. Need to discuss at October. meeting.

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Reported Sept. 17, 2017 by Secretary, RoseMary McDaniel.