

July 7, 2024 Park Board Report

Attending: Scott Dreamer, Linda Powell, Mike Ropp, Andrew Medford, Eric Funkhouser, Carol Reeves, Director of the Bristol Library,

June minutes were approved as mailed.

There was a discussion on the use of the Gator by Perry Nelson.

After the discussion, the Board voted to allow Perry to use the Gator as long as he is doing work to benefit the town and its public streets and property. There will be no personal use, and he needs to stay in town while using it. It was moved by Scott, and seconded by Linda. Motion approved.

Carol Reeves said that they were having another car show this year on Aug. 17th in Congdon Park 11am to 3pm. Carol wondered if the Park Board would be interested in buying the banner that would cost \$717.83. After a discussion, the Board voted to purchase the banner for the car show, using funds from the summer program. It has no date on it, so it can be used on additional years. The banner is 360" x 30" inches. Linda motioned, and Scott seconded to purchase the banner. Motion passed. The sign will be two sided and hung as soon as it gets here.

Park Board discussed with Library Director that we could work more together to coordinate events.

Congdon Park:

Eric Funkhouser, Street Dept. Superintendent reported about the Graffiti on the floor of the Pavilion in Congdon Park. Eric said that they neutralized the bad language and will deal with the floor of the Pavilion after the Homecoming. Eric said it would be approximately \$150 to repaint the Pavilion floor. There was a discussion on the condition of the railings of the Pavilion, and it was determined that after Homecoming would be a better time to deal with the railings. Mike Yoder is looking into Monogram's interest in helping to restore or replace the Pavilion in Congdon Park.

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Kayak launch at Congdon is very difficult to maneuver. There needs to be work done on the approach to the river.

Cummins Park:

The Mulberry tree in Cummins Park is depositing berries on the walking path and needs to be removed.

Eric shared his visit with Wendy, a Playground consultant. Her findings were that we are not compliant in several areas, mainly mulching needs, higher borders and cement obstructions in the play areas. Eric is going to get quotes on how much it would cost to fix these areas to make us compliant. This will be part of our 5-year plan.

Eric said that they worked on the splash pad to remove the slime and it made an improvement but did not fix the problem. It was determined that our well water is causing the slippery conditions. We need to determine a better solution.

Pickle Ball Court: There was a discussion on how long lights should be on at the Courts. Due to rising costs, the lights may have to be turned off at dusk. We are discussing the costs of LED lights. The Park Board will look into having a fund raiser to help with the cost of replacing our lights with LED lights.

Hermance Park:

Mike Ropp talked about the area to the West of Hermance Pavilion. Landscape timbers need to be removed from the old play area and that whole grass area that is now being mowed will be planted with native plants and wet land natives. This planting will not interfere with the IDNR boat/trailer parking area. Eventually there will be a walking path around this area.

Community Garden: Mike Ropp stated that there was a need for a small shed at the Community Garden. Some tools have disappeared from the garden area, and therefore, we need to lock them up.

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Mike Ropp asked if anyone would need to store anything for the park, so he could determine what size shed would be appropriate. The board decided that there was really nothing that needed to be stored at this time, except for the garden supplies.

Mike said he would look into the cost of a 6x8 garden shed and report back next meeting.

Five Year Plan

The Board will be holding a public meeting on Thursday, Sept. 5, 2024 at 6pm at the Bristol Public Library to discuss and get feedback from the public on what they feel they want in our five year plan. We will have questionnaires for them to fill out. A general discussion will be held.

Next meeting:

August 13, 2024 at 6pm at the Town Hall.

Reported by Secretary, RoseMary McDaniel.