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September Minutes

Meeting called to order 9/01/26, 6:01 pm

In attendance Mikel Ropp, Scott Dreamer (Zoom), Linda Powell, Austin Burton and Mike Yoder, Jill Swartz, John Creech, and Truth Hensley

August minutes needed.

First order of business, Mikel Ropp motion to appoint Truth Hensley as secretary, Linda Powell 2nd. All in favor. Truth Hensley as new secretary effective immediately.

Budget Proposal 2027: Mike Yoder walks through the budget proposal, looking back at 2026. Linda remarks there is a missing donation from 2026 Budget, Jill adds we are still expecting endowment money, amount unknown at this time but in 2025 it was ~\$7800 and came in October. Mike Yoder specifies there is \$55,000 available for future projects. Mikel Ropp motion to accept 2027 budget, Linda Powell 2nd. All in favor, Budget is approved.

John Creech presents his park report.

Congdon park electrical damage from vandals repaired by Timpi Electric, outlets are upgraded and compliant. On 8/25 the parking lot was crack-filled and seal coated with new parking spots re-stripped.

Corn Dog Festival Update, it's all coming along well. The Hub is still searching for 4 shifts of volunteers to help run festival.

Jill Swartz brings up the Truck or Treat event will be held in Congdon Park on Saturday, October 31 from 5-7PM. Looking for more volunteers/businesses with a truck/table, doing a best design competition.

Jill brings up the Turkey Trot happening Thanksgiving Day, putting signs out a week before in Congdon and Cummins Parks.

Jill brings up Tree Lighting Ceremony, first Friday in December, held at the Bristol Fire Department. Fire Chief spoke to Jill and wants to have a tree by then. Says there will be a future sponsor request for cocoa/candy.

Cummins Park benches installed and new concrete pad poured at the basketball court, concrete for the additional pad was donated by Smith Ready Mix. Large Mulberry near basketball court was removed and stump-ground. John is speaking with Seal Masters to find the right product to fill in pickleball court.

Hermance Park some breakers were tripping at pavilion, but he fixed them. Native Wetland Planting Plan meeting 9/02 at 2PM to discuss planting date, plenty of plants donated, no cost for plants or seeds. John discusses methods for removing grass, agrees on sod cutting with weed fabric and rock placed.

John referred Mikel Ropp to Clay Kusbach as a resource for Native Wetland Planting Project. He specializes in grant-writing.

Jill wants a Master Gardener's resource table at the farmers market.

John reports the old boat ramp was redone with a concrete curb and floor, ditch refilled with new rip-rap for better filtration from trash. Triangle to the west John would like to fill it with weed barrier and rock. Linda and Mikel were hoping to plant that area with natives. Future discussion will be needed and they will meet and discuss.

Memorial Park Mikel Ropp brings up a letter proposal for Memorial Park and plaque memorial. Austin brings up a few edits to the letter i.e. privacy, adding "How has Bristol impacted you?", question 6 year timeframe cap. Linda wants to remove 6 year cap so other notable Bristol figures to be able to participate.

Linda brings up the memorial paver idea, says a plaque is movable whereas the pavers would be difficult to relocate if needed. Also alumni Carlene Sigsbee from the Bristol Historical Society informed Linda that the Museum is not relocating and has begun their brick program again. Mikel Ropp agrees to rethink the memorial paver idea for funding upon this new information, as well as speaking to Carlene Sigsbee. Mikel Ropp will reword the Memorial Proposal Letter and email a new draft when finished.

Mikel Ropp motion to adjourn, Austin 2nd. Adjourned. Next meeting Tuesday, 10/06 at 6PM.