

August 8, 2023 Park Board Report

Present at Meeting:

Dean Rentfrow, Linda Powell, Mike Ropp, Jill Swartz, Mike Yoder, Secretary RoseMary McDaniel. Scott Dreamer on vacation. Kristen was on vacation but sent report.

Visitor Sarah Burton from the Hub explained her handout and the purpose of the organization.

Visitor Juanita Gomez from the Healthy Life Nutrition business. She introduced Flavia, her exercise instructor. She wanted the use of the Hermance Pavilion on Tuesdays and Fridays for 1 hour from 5:30 to 6:30 pm for everyone - for families and the purpose is to promote better physical and mental health for the community. They will be giving free samples and prizes.

It was moved by Mike and seconded by Linda to approve their use of the pavilion.

Mike Yoder talked about the plans for the pedestrian Bridge, which is a 4.2 million dollar project. He explained that they have done a 3 million grant which has been submitted. The design for the multi-use footbridge is estimated to be done by December 14.

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Jill Swartz talked about the Girl Scouts decision to change their rock project to only be in the mulched area by the memorial bench. This change was decided because of the new pedestrian bridge. They will be installing their rock project on Sunday, Aug.13, 2023. A sign is being made to identify the rock project.

Report provided by Kristen who is on vacation. The summer program is completed. Kristen has noticed that there are trash issues in some of the parks. She felt that more trash cans need to be available. Possible trash pickup on both Friday and Monday would eliminate some of the problem. The Board will consider adding some trash cans. More discussion will follow at next meeting.

Kristen will be attending the Bristol Elementary back to school night on August 15 from 5:30 to 7:30 to inform them about what events will be coming up in the Park.

On Saturday, August 26 there will be a St. Joe cleanup from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. We will be meeting in Congdon Park. Please bring work gloves, refillable water bottle, and wear bright clothes. Also bring a flotation device if you planning on going in the water.

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Congdon Park: It was suggested by the Town Board President that we install more picnic tables in this Park. They are needed especially on Food Truck Fridays and for Homecoming and Corn Dog Festival. Dean said he will move several wood picnic table to that area for now.

Hermance Park: Mike Ropp said that the planting of the native Indiana plants will be done in 2024.

Cummins Park: Discussed several locations of poison ivy.

New Business: All Park rental agreements need to have a age qualification 21 years and over.

Kristen has proposed idea of planting trees for next year's Arbor Day.

Next Park Board Meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2023 at 6pm at Town Hall. Visitors welcome.

Revised by Secretary RoseMary McDaniel 8/17/23

