June 3, 2025 Park Board Meeting

Attending: Mike Ropp, President, Andrew Medford. Absent: Scott Dreamer, Linda Powell (both on vacation. Secretary Rosemary McDaniel. No Quorum, therefore no formal meeting. Notes will be taken.

Other attendees: Police Officer Gary Smith and his K-9 Raider, Officer Jacob Lestowski, Shauna from the Bristol Library., Jill Swartz and Mike Yoder.

Shauna from the Bristol Library talked about the Summer Festival. No Parking signs will be in place along Division Street. They are hoping for a large turnout. The hours will be from Noon to 6pm.

Jill said there will be 30 or so vendors, and several vendors who do not have insurance, but have signed not to hold the Town accountable statements. All events will be held in Congdon Park, except for the Pickle Ball Tournament.

Jill discussed the weekend trash issue that has been happening. Jill asked the Park Board if they wanted to have overtime for Town workers to empty the trash on holiday and busy weekends. Will be discussed at next meeting.

Andrew was questioning what we were going to do about the newly planted grass area for Homecoming time. He feels this could be a dangerous area for people to watch the fireworks from. This needs to be addressed before Homecoming.

Community Garden Information: Mike Ropp has obtained a 6x8 foot shed and was asking for advice as to what kind of a foundation he should be using. It was decided that Mike will mark out the spot where he wants it placed. And Mike Yoder will have the Town Workers put down a foundation for him.

Congdon Park: Andrew talked about multiple purpose benches in addition to the pionic takes that we are putting in. He suggested that we buy 6 12 foot benches weighing 350 each with an approximate cost of \$4000 total. During festivals, we could move the benches along the sidewalk or wherever they would like them placed. Then move them back into the gazebo along the railing. We will discuss this at next meeting.

Andrew said that he would like to see all vendor stands and trucks moved back at least five feet from the asphalt walking path, so that crowds that gather in front of the food stands, would not block the sidewalk.

## Cummins Park:

It is estimated that the moving of the climbing structure will be \$10,000. This issue needs to be discussed next meeting. Moving the climbing structure and the swings would help eliminate the mulch from being thrown on the splash pad.

Basketball court reconstruction is about to start. Need a motion at the next meeting to work on the parking lot by the pickle ball court.

Still need to hear from Eric about sunshades.

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## Hermance Park.

Jill said for the pavilion we will do in-house for daily cleaning and hire out for deep cleaning, several times a year. There have not really been any big complaints. Mike asked if new cleaning products have been upgraded and are now being used by renters. Mike also asked if complaints are being documented, and Jill said she would check on the renters' agreements to see if any comments are being put there.

## Memorial Park:

A large tree has been scheduled for removed, costing \$3,000.00.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, July 1, 2025 at 6pm in the Town Hall. Visitors are welcome.

Reported by Secretary, Rosemary McDaniel.