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Bristol's Memorial Park on the busiest corner in town is decked out for the St. Patrick's Day holiday. Memorial Park has a memorial stone for Tommy Thompson, a popular former Bristol High School teacher. It has been suggested that memorials for other well-remembered Bristol people could also have memorials here.

March. 8, 2022 Meeting

Meeting was held at the Town Hall with President Scott Dreamer on Zoom, VP Mike Ropp, Member Linda Powell and Member Dean Rentfrow present.



Town Manager Mike Yoder and Secretary RoseMary McDaniel also attended. New Park Director Jennifer Robertson also attended. Ros St. Clair of Cardno on Zoom.

Next meeting will be held on April 5, 2022 at 6pm at Town Hall. Visitors are welcome.

Brief Update on Stabilizing Bank

Ros St. Clair of Cardno discussed the stabilizing of banks of Congdon and Hermance Parks bank near the old boat landing.. Need approvals from Army Corp. IDM and other 3 agencies before project can begin. Need to have new storm water structure with natural layer for boat landing. Will need large rock & smaller.. Remove large maple tree. Stabilize banks of Congdon Park and Hermance Parks.. Use enough rock to insure shore line - some places buffer. Better chance to have natural plants & flowers. Congdon Park some larger stone and some pea gravel best choice. May do project spring to summer Apr 1 to June 30. May take 3-5 weeks for project.

Meeting called to order on Zoom at 6pm on Tuesday, March 7, 2022

Powell made motion to accept previous month's minutes, and Ropp seconded. Motion approved.

Visitors & Presentations:

Scott St. Clair of Cardno on Zoom. See notes on page 1. Powell advised that flowers for hanging baskets have already been planted at Turkey Creek Tree Farm and Garden Center. They should be ready to hang before Memorial Day.

Budget Planning: Powell advised that the Deputy Clerk, Jill Swartz was preparing current budget information for board to review at upcoming meetings. Powell suggested that Park Board review the 5 year plan to determine what projects to pursue this year. Powell advised that they returned 17% of 2021 budget. For Current year, one category was over - Telephone - which Jen advised was used for Internet for the Hermance Park door contract @\$70 month and her cell phone. This needs to be added to budget for 2023. Priority this year is getting Banks restored and new Kayak launch

Corn Dog Festival by Monogram & Park Board & Bristol on the River

Mike Yoder, Ron Norman, Rhonda Collins of Bristol on the River and Jill Swartz will continue conversations with Veronica Barcena of Monogram regarding having a 2022 Corn Dog Festival in Bristol - Corn Dog Capitol of the World. Monogram may have a sign erected with that slogan. They will advise the Bristol Park Board and Town Council on planning for this event or series of events, such as serving corndogs with various contests and maybe a corn hole tournament perhaps in August, 2022. Face to face meetings will be held.

Town Garden for 2022:

Mike Ropp, V.P. will manage the permanent Town Garden at the town-owned property at the corner of Pearl and St. Joe Streets. It was suggested that the soil be tested before use. Also it was suggested that raised beds be used as was done for the previous garden. There would be availability for parking vehicles on the property. Ropp will do site design. May need to get a survey done of the property. Ropp will use chips from Todd. Ropp advised need top soil for about \$400. Scott made motion to buy top soil if needed and Dean seconded it. Motion passed. They discussed raised beds @\$65 each, 9 of them - 3 feet by 5-1/2 feet. Linda made motion to buy material for raised beds at \$65 each. Ropp seconded. Passed. Jen and Mike Yoder talked to elementary school for 24 kids to help with garden. They will donate some potting soil, and Feed and Seed may donate a few bags of top soil. Park Board needs to buy 35 bags @\$15 a bag. Scott made motion to buy, Dean seconded. Motion passed.

Storage Discussion:

Yoder is looking for another building to use as storage for Christmas wreaths and other park materials, but in the meantime will continue to use the storage building on Charles St. Eventually, Yoder would like to tear down that building in order to convert that property and the vacant property at the corner of Elkhart and Charles Sts. for a new parking lot. Yoder will also investigate renting the former Stahr property also on Charles St. for park board storage.

Town Flowers:

Linda Powell advised that the hanging pots will be taken to Turkey Creek Tree Farm and Garden Center in the next week or so to have them planted. Once again, they will be the same pink flowers as last year.

Congdon Park:

The plan is this year is to remove the trees and stumps on the hill at this park, which interfere with grass. Dean to get quotes or determine which trees Park employees could remove. They plan to do some each year. They plan to remove railroad ties and replace with composite material for 6x6 poles in either brown or black, if possible, with loop chains.

Cummins Park:

Jen advised that there has been a request for a portable net for the pickleball court.

Mr. George who has helped with building and managing courts, is currently in Florida, but plans to return the end of March. They discussed having Splash Pad power sprayed professionally once a year to start.. They have a quote for powerwashing it for \$150.00 per time. Scott made a motion to try to learn to be able to clean with their own equipment. Scott made motion and Ropp seconded. Motion passed. They advised that the water used for the Spray pad is well water, not City water.

Hermance Park:

Be Well Bristol is using the Pavilion for free Wednesday evening exercise program and may perhaps add an additional evening a week.. There is no further progress on proposed plan to build river walk up from Hermance Park to behind Red Bird and along that area riverbank. Ropp is investigating water retention plants for behind and beside pavilion. The old Play equipment still has to be removed. The proposed River Walk behind buildings on upper river bank to start renegotiating land use, and check funding available. Initial cost: \$40,000 estimate to begin project..

Jen advised that a gentleman inquired about renting Hermance Pavilion to set up events of people impersonating famous people. Rent in May for event. Park Board said they would need more information. Park Board not in favor of people making money using our parks. Jen to ask person to come to next Park Board meeting to discuss idea with Park Board.

Memorial Park:

Town Manager is waiting for contractor who rebuilt Congdon Park stairway to review roof replacement for Gazebo and electronic sign and provide a quote for roof replacements. Jen will check out Shrubs around the electrical box in the park need to be possibly removed and explore putting a decorative local or historical wrap around the sign. Covering this type of box with a printed wrap has been done in Elkhart. Jen will also check out missing trash can lid with Dean.

New Business

Need to check out rewiring for Homecoming Carnival. Also more parking. Where will colored bird go? By the steps? Per Yoder, bird will remain in Park for 12 months. It can be placed on 5x5 Pad? Cement needs to be poured. Linda made motion and Ropp seconded. Passed. In Congdon need to add bench with bricks. Think about take one out and make concrete pad. Signs - Premier Signs. Aluminum - need better price. Need to check other prices. Motion to adjust prices - Powell made motion and Ropp seconded/ Passed.

Future Park Projects & Plans:

Scott asked Park Board members to have broad vision and begin thinking of ideas for Parks summer programs - perhaps coordinating with Bristol Library to use Cummins Park Pavilion or Library for Kids' program. Have Library use Park facilities such as Splash Pad and play equipment available. Note: Per Library Director: Library will also be place where lunches served to local children this summer. Suggestion to also learn about the Town Garden or help by weeding, etc. Jennifer could assist in some of these activities.

Ropp made motion to adjourn, Dreamer seconded it, and it was passed.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 5 at 6pm, 2022. Meeting at Town Hall

Report submitted by Secretary RoseMary McDaniel 3-14-22.

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