

**Bristol Parks & Recreation
Ellingwood Information Center
March 2, 2021**

Commissioners present: Clyde Pendleton, Sandra Lane, Laurie Mahan

Also present: Lara Decker, Todd Richards

Meeting called to order at 6:01 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes:

Laurie made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 9th meeting, Sandra seconded, and motion carried.

Beach Merchandise:

Todd Richards attended the meeting to discuss ideas for beach merchandise. Todd works with KDK printing in Rockland and he inquired with them about what they provide to beaches. Todd is willing to get all the merchandise information for the Parks Department. He asked what Parks had budgeted for merchandise and is willing to go to KDK printing and see what they could provide for that budgeted amount. Todd feels like Parks could get a lot of merchandise for a good price from this company. Parks budgeted \$2000 for sales merchandise for 2021 so Todd will go to KDK Printing with this amount to see what they could offer.

MBTA Letter:

The Maine Better Transportation Association sent a letter to the Park Commissioners thanking them for donating a two night stay at the Lighthouse apartment to be auctioned off as a fundraiser. Lara read the letter to the Commissioners.

Ballfield Quote:

A quote was received for \$2,225 from Sports Fields, Inc. for preparing the infield of the ball field in the spring and applying an organic treatment in the summer. The company has suggested skipping the spraying all together and spend more just to have the infield cleaned up. They said the field will not look as good in late summer but budget wise it would work out better. Lara will get a quote for just getting the unsprayed infield prepared.

Employment Advertisement:

Lara provided an updated advertisement for employment and asked if it could be posted on Facebook for now. Advertising in the Lincoln County News costs but advertising on Facebook is free so it is worth trying that first. People who follow the Bristol Parks page might be more interested in working in the Parks so advertising there might reach more potential employees. There have already been several inquiries about positions.

Swimming Hole/Fish Ladder Park Survey Questions:

The group discussed questions to be put on an online community survey for the Swimming Hole/Fish Ladder Park. Gathering input about what the community would like to see in this park is important for planning. The beach pavilion project used significant community input in the planning which was very valuable.

Rising Heron Sculpture:

Julia Lane is donating a sculpture from her father Cabot Lyford, called Rising Heron, to be displayed at Pemaquid Beach Park. This sculpture needs to be bronzed in order to be displayed outside and Lara is waiting on the quote for this to be done. It will likely be quite expensive, so a grant is being pursued. The Commissioners discussed how much they would be willing to put toward this project. The Park Commissioners decided that Parks could contribute up to \$10,000 from capital reserves and the rest of the cost would come from grants and donations.

Cameras at LHP:

The Commissioners are ready to plan the installation of cameras at Lighthouse Park. The same cameras that were installed at the beach can be purchased for \$500-\$600 which includes four cameras and Dave Svens can install. The Commissioners agreed to go ahead and order the cameras.

Float Billing:

Lara is waiting to bill for float storage because information has not yet been received from one of the float haulers. Two reminder emails have been sent. The wording on the billing letter was discussed because it addresses that the storage fees

would be increasing significantly. Currently, private storage facilities charge at least \$400 per float and the town only charges \$75 per float.

Other Business:

Public Comments:

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.