

**Bristol Parks & Recreation
Ellingwood Information Center
November 19, 2019**

Commissioners present: Clyde Pendleton, Sandra Lane, Laurie Mahan

Also present: Lara Sargent, Chuck Hanson, Myrtle Kirk, Paul Leeman

Meeting called to order at 6:00 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes:

Sandra made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 5th meeting, Laurie seconded and motion carried.

Ballet:

Myrtle attended the meeting to discuss offering a ballet class for all ages. Eventually she would like to teach a class for just kids and an expressive movement class. The group discussed the possible spaces that a ballet class could take place – such as Ellingwood or Bristol Consolidated School. Myrtle felt that the space at Ellingwood would be plenty big. She asked that the charge for the class could be a suggested donation so that anyone could attend regardless of cost. Laurie asked if Myrtle could help promote it through a newspaper and she agreed. The group discussed Mondays as a good night for ballet to be offered. Clyde asked if it would be a program for a certain number of weeks. Myrtle explained that she has offered it in sessions before and that could be worked out based on the school schedule. The sessions would be an hour and would take place from 6-7pm. Myrtle will write a press release for the program and bring it back to the Commission for review in December.

Yoga:

Lara presented the proposal from Sarah Plummer for offering Community Yoga at Ellingwood Park Information Center. It would be a 60-minute session offered on Sundays from 4:30-5:30. It would be Vinyasa Flow Yoga suitable for all ages and abilities. The class would be inspired by music and include gentle stretching, breath-oriented Yoga poses and ending with a guided meditation. The cost would be a suggested donation of \$5 and registration would be at Maineoutdoor yoga.com. Chuck suggested the space at the church could be suitable for classes. The group discussed requesting a donation from the instructor to help offset the electricity/heating cost of using the facilities. Lara will contact Sarah about starting the program.

Fishermen's Museum:

John Allan sent a letter from the Fishermen's Museum with a donation of \$2,743.25 which is a significant increase from last year and the Commission was appreciative. The number of visitors increased by about 1,700 and the total donations increased by about \$320.

2020 Triathlon:

The Commission discussed the date for the 2020 triathlon and decided it would be Sunday, August 23. Lara will set up the registration online. Clyde made a second perfect shot into the garbage.

Weddings:

The group discussed some adjustments on the wedding form such as charging a staffing fee during normal park hours. Receptions were discussed and the Commission decided that the Lighthouse could be used for wedding ceremonies but not for receptions any longer.

Christmas:

The Commissioners discussed decorating Lighthouse Park and Ellingwood Park for the holidays. Wreaths have already been ordered. Clyde mentioned putting battery powered candles in the windows of the keeper's house, lights along the fence and some lights on trees near the art gallery/learning center. Lara would like to put solar lights somewhere at Moxie Cove.

Beach Pavilion:

Clyde reported that the frost walls have been poured for the two buildings on the right side. The plumbers should get in there this week to get things laid out for the plumbing and then Hanley will back fill. The posts for the power meters are in place and there are two posts near the barricades for a job site sign. There was discussion about people and their vehicles being in the way of the construction/vehicles. The builders want to close and lock the gates once their equipment is onsite but sometimes cars are in the parking lot which would lock them in. If people park in front of the gate then the construction vehicles can't get in or out. Signs will be posted that say "Foot traffic only" and "Construction vehicles only" (2 of each). The Commissioners checked out two options of composite decking and chose Duralife Coastal Grey. A foundation has offered to donate money toward the project and would like it to initiate a matching campaign. They will donate X amount and if it matched by X date then they will donate X amount again. Lara will be in touch with the foundation to determine the amount they will donate and the time frame to seek matching donations.

Public Comments:

Clyde made a motion to end the meeting at 8:46, Laurie seconded, and motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.