

**Bristol Parks & Recreation
Ellingwood Information Center
June 7, 2022**

Commissioners present: Clyde Pendleton, Sandra Lane, Laurie Mahan

Also present: Pat Porter, Bill Benner, Mark Hanley, Mary Gauntt

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

Minutes:

Laurie made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 17, meeting, approval, Sandra seconded, and motion carried.

New Business

- A. Bill Benner spoke about the background of the cannon that was donated to the Veteran's Memorial Committee and displayed at Ellingwood. He was concerned about the damage that could be done to it in the inclement weather and the risk of theft. He suggested a roof or tent of some kind to protect it from the weather. As this is not a Parks item the decision on care and displaying would fall to the Veteran's Committee and Parks would support any decision on it. Sandra will contact the Veteran's Committee to decide what to do with it. Until a decision is made, the cannon will be moved to Hanna's Landing where it will be safe.
- B. Mark Hanley wanted to discuss having a sign made to put on his property line so people walking along the beach would know they were going onto private property when they got to his property line. He was concerned somebody would get injured if they kept walking onto his property. Mark said he will purchase the signs if Parks can install them. He will also get the wording approved by the Parks Commission before finalizing the signs.
- C. The Lighthouse poison ivy has returned and is getting bad again. A goatscaping company was contacted about having goats come to eat the poison ivy which would be a very eco friendly way to take care of the issue. The motion to approve going forward with the goatscaping process was unanimously approved.
- D. Staffing was discussed for the Lighthouse and the Beach. With Lakotah putting in his notice and Seth going to one day a week, the Lighthouse has several openings to fill. Mary is working on the schedule to use a skeleton crew in the interim until we can hire more staff. The Beach needs 3 or 4 more staff to be fully staffed. We have given out several applications and are expecting to hire a couple of people in the next week or so.
- E. Mary Gauntt spoke about the need for credit cards to be taken at the Lighthouse and Beach. There are several people each day that only have credit cards that we either have to turn away or have them go to the ATM. It was decided to speak with Chris Hall and see what we need to do to implement credit cards at our locations.
- F. Mary also spoke about the gardens needing work at the Lighthouse. With the staffing shortages having staff be able to garden has been a challenge. Sandra said she would speak with Sally to see if she wanted to work on them. motion was

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- A. The information about meditation from Jane Bierkli Barry was given out to the Commissioners as she was not present. The times for the Lighthouse Mediation was approved as it is the same as the schedule last summer.
- B. Carpenters Boat Shop was not in attendance, but will come to the July 5 meeting to discuss their programs and asking for beach passes.
- C. The band times at the Beach for Old Bristol Days was discussed. The decision was made to ask the Wharf Cats to play 5:30- 9:00pm, and 9:30- 10:00pm. The Pete Collins Band would be asked to play Friday August 12 7:00- 9:00pm. We are waiting on conformation of those times from the bands.

Laurie adjourned the meeting at 8:09 pm.