

**Bristol Parks & Recreation  
Ellingwood Information Center  
July 19, 2022**

*Commissioners present: Clyde Pendleton, Sandra Lane, Laurie Mahan*

*Also present: Pat Porter, Shelley Gallagher, Emily Mack- Karczewski*

*Meeting called to order at 6:08 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance.*

**Minutes:**

Laurie made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 2 meeting, approval, Clyde seconded, and motion carried.

**New Business**

- A. Amy Rice came to request 2 donations of Lighthouse stays to be used in a silent auction. One stay would be donated for Making Strides Against Breast Cancer, and one stay would benefit a family who lost their mother suddenly this past year. The stays would be used in the off season and Sheila McLain had approved them from the rental side. Making Strides Against Breast Cancer is also doing a local event and invited Parks to participate. There is a cornhole tournmanet and a walk during that weekend. Laurie made the motion to approve donating the 2 stays, Sandra seconded it, and it was approved unanimously.
- B. H Barber will be coming on August 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 am to do a demo of their surf rake. The cost is around \$40,000 for the equipment, but if it works as it says it will cut down staff time on cleaning the beach as well as fuel costs for the tractor. Laurie asked if it is something where we could do a loan, or would it be purchasing outright. The pavilion line of credit was also discussed as a possible avenue for the purchase. After the demo we will discuss this again. The permitting requirements to remove the seaweed will also need to be researched. Shelley will contact the communities in Maine that currently use the equipment to get more information.
- C. It was discussed about installing a sign at the entrance to the parking lot directing people with trucks, suv, or oversize vehicles to park in the field. Shelley will get a quote for a 2 foot by 4 foot sign and a 4 foot by 6 foot sign. Once we get quotes we will discuss again.
- D. The sun dial at the Lighthouse is not what we expected it to be, and is not put in a good location. Finding a different location was discussed and it was decided that we would let the family know we would be moving it then move it into the garden that currently has onions in it. The tractor should be able to lift it to move it once that garden is cleared out.
- E. Coastal Rivers would like to have the Burnurwurbskek Singers come and do a drumming circle at the beach. They are scheduled to come on July 22. They will be asked to sign and drum on the stage so people can choose to watch them if they would like. While discussing Coastal Rivers the topic of space came up, buyt that will be tabled until after the season.

## **Old Business**

- A. Al with Al's Goats provided a quote for \$2400 to do the poison ivy areas by the rocks, or \$3100 to do the rock area as well as the back area by the garage. They would not be able to do it until the end of August or early September and we would have to provide a place for the goat herder to stay. It was decided to try to book the goats for spring so we can budget the money and also replant native blueberries after the goats eat the poison ivy.
- B. There was a request made to provide parks passes to a Ukrainian refugee family (mother and children) that is staying with a Bristol Resident. It was agreed to provide them with a parks pass, but in the future if people want to get passes donated they need to come to a Parks Commission meeting to say why they are requesting it.
- C. Storage space for the new surf rake beach cleaner was discussed so we can make sure we have a place to store it if it is purchased. Storage/ shipping container units were discussed as they would be easy to move and would fit the machine. This will be discussed again when the decision is made on the surf rake.
- D. Olde Bristol Days was discussed. There was a meeting to discuss who is doing what and during that meeting it was decided Parks would provide the floats for the fireworks and pay the band for that night, but the town would reimburse the band fee to Parks. The other bands that will play that day will be booked by Tammy and Sheila and paid for through donations.
- E. Staffing was discussed as it relates to cleaning and landscaping. The staff are cleaning, but if there are extra people they sometimes have 2 people in the booth. It was discussed about setting up a cleaning checklist for accountability. The staff can't keep up with the landscaping. It was discussed to get quotes for a gardener for next summer to take care of the gardens at the Lighthouse and the Beach. Shelley will work on getting quotes in the off season.

## **Executive Session**

Executive session was called to address a staff issue.

Laurie moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:45pm.