

**Bristol Parks & Recreation
Ellingwood Information Center
August 1, 2017**

Commissioners present: Clyde Pendleton, Laurie Mahan, Sandra Lane

Also present: Lara Sargent, Chris Hall, Chuck Hanson

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

Minutes:

Motion made by Pendleton to approve the minutes from July 18th, Mahan seconded and motion carried.

Olde Bristol Days:

Chris Hall announced the safety meeting planned for Monday, Aug 7th at 4pm at the old fort house. The chicken BBQ was discussed and the options for the meal and/or band. The bouncy house and petting zoo will be at the Beach on Saturday and Sunday. The snack shack will be the only vendor at the beach and will simplify the menu to prevent long lines. The issue of safety with the fireworks was discussed and that many firetrucks would be present at various locations. Staffing was discussed.

Equipment:

The Zero Turn mower was sold to the town for \$2,800. Pendleton discussed selling two other pieces of equipment that are not being used. Lane made a motion to approve the sale of the bush hog at \$1500 and the old tractor for \$500 or best reasonable offer, Mahan approved and motion carried.

New Hire Raises:

The new staff hired this year are up for the initial July raise. Mahan made a motion to approve the raises from \$10.50 to \$11.00, Pendleton seconded and motion carried.

Signs at Lighthouse Park:

The sign facing the Seagull Restaurant from the Lighthouse is in rough shape and will be removed. The Learning Center needs a sign and the Fisherman's Museum could use two signs pointing visitors in the direction of the museum door. Two drone signs are also needed – one for the beach and one for the lighthouse.

Donated Items:

The Bristol Consolidated School would like to donate a ping pong table, filing cabinet and freezer to the Parks Dept. It was discussed that the Parks Dept. could store these until they are needed.

Dog Park:

Some Bristol residents are still interested in a Dog Park in Bristol. Since a Dog Park was voted down by the town in 2016, residents are wondering if it would still be possible if a piece of land was donated to the town for this purpose. It was determined that this is a discussion for the Parks Department this winter.

Rock Schoolhouse Brochure:

The Rock Schoolhouse brochure was revised to include hours, contact info and some different pictures (new and old).

Public Comments:

Hanson brought up the commissioners' stipends because of the new Parks Director and it was determined that any changes would be implemented for the 2018 budget. The issue of Parks meetings being put on the town website was discussed and it was determined that the Park Director needs to be trained and given access to update the Parks website asap. The weather station at the lighthouse was discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.