

**Bristol Parks & Recreation
Ellingwood Information Center
July 11, 2023**

Commissioners present: Clyde Pendleton, Laurie Mahan, Sandra Lane

Also present: Shelley Gallagher, Pat Porter

Meeting called to order at 6:05 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes:

Laurie made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 20 meeting, approval, Sandra seconded, and motion carried.

New Business

- A. The bids for the gator closed at 3:00pm on July 11. There was one bid, by Hillary Bulmer for \$9,500. Laurie made a motion to accept the bid to sell the gator, Sandra seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.
- B. Pat Porter said she has a spare desktop computer at her house that is not being used, and her and John want to donate it to Parks. It would be helpful to have at Ellingwood so there would be a computer on site available to use if the laptop was not there or it was not working. The Commissioners agreed and will accept the donation. Pat and John will bring it in the next week or two and get it set up, and Shelley will help with the set up.

Old Business

- A. The budget is getting hit hard with the poor weather so far this summer. Currently we are approximately \$70,000 in the red for the year. We have been cutting staff, opening late, closing early, or not opening at all to save money on staffing. Shelley explained the \$70,000 is deceptive as that includes \$40,000 spent on the tractor as well as several unforeseen expenses. The unforeseen expenses include the oil tank replacement for the museum that was over \$7,000, the heater replacement for the apartment, and rebuilding the boardwalk from the storm damage. This will be a challenging budget year so we will continue to cut back on expenses and hope the weather improves for the second half of the summer.

Public Comments

Clyde moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:43pm.