

**Bristol Parks & Recreation
Ellingwood Information Center
April 20, 2021**

Commissioners present: Sandra Lane, Laurie Mahan

Also present: Lara Decker, Pat Porter, Robin Mahan, Julia Rose

Meeting called to order at 6:04 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes:

Sandra made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 6th meeting, Laurie seconded, and motion carried.

Ham Radio:

Pat Porter asked if the ham radio club could use lighthouse park for field day June 26 and 27 and lighthouse weekend August 21 and 22. These are the same functions as last year and they followed COVID-19 protocols in 2020 and worked out fine. The Commissioners would like to have a report of how many states or countries contacted them during these events.

Swimming Hole/Fish Ladder Park:

Lara shared a preliminary Landscape Concept Plan for the Swimming Hole/Fish Ladder Park. The group discussed some of the changes that were decided after this plan was drawn up such as no swimming access from the opposite side of the swimming hole to discourage people from being close to the neighboring property. The group also discussed the possibility of having a ladder onto the jumping platform. Laurie mentioned the importance of lots of trash bins and picnic tables.

Maine Suzuki Association:

The president of the Maine Suzuki Association contacted Parks. This organization is a group of private music teachers and families who are dedicated to music instruction for children using methods developed by Shinichi Suzuki. They would like to have an outdoor music performance at the lighthouse park during the upcoming summer. This event would have students from the Midcoast (or farther) and their families attend to have fun playing together in a beautiful location. There would be about 20 students and their families, and they would follow all state and park guidelines regarding Covid. Laurie and Sandra thought this sounded like a great opportunity. Lara will work on getting this event scheduled.

Sculpture Donations Update:

So far, \$1,400 has been donated toward the sculpture. With the \$10,000 designated from Parks the total now is \$11,400. Lara spoke with two potential donors, one who would like to help organize a fundraising effort. When he arrives back in town this spring, Lara will meet with him and Julia Lane to discuss.

Safety Training:

The group decided to wait to do the Safety Training at a meeting with Clyde.

Sandra made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:29, Laurie seconded, and motion carried.

Other Business:

Public Comments:

Meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m.