



Watermelon Festival on the Green in Bristol, Indiana, circa 1909

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 19, 2010 at 6:00pm at the Town Hall

All four Park Board members were in attendance: President Richard Ransel, Secretary Lynette Johnson and Members Linda Powell and Gary Lowell. Also attending was Town Manager Bill Wuthrich. Meeting was called to order and minutes of the June meeting taken by Secretary Lynette Johnson were read and approved.

AUDIENCE ITEMS:

Bob Wojtysiak of the Bristol Business Council presented the final status of the fund raising for the Karsyn Bell Playground Equipment Pirate Ship project. The group has raised enough funds, after a manufacturer discount, to purchase the equipment. He brought a proposal, based on an earlier appearance before the Board, to ask the Board to use the funds they had earlier slated for the project to prepare the site for the equipment and provide the edging and mulch to surround it. The Board voted to give him formal approval that they would fund that portion of the project, which had been quoted by the vendor of the equipment at approx. \$2,700.00. The Board members felt that they would be able to do the project for less than the quoted amount. Wojtysiak will be presenting the final costs and plans to other funding partners later in the week and would like to place the order for the equipment from the Company, which will be installed by volunteers supervised by Company personnel. They would like to have the equipment installed in early September in time to have an official dedication and family picnic at Congdon Park on Sunday, Sept. 19, 2010 which is appropriately National "Talk like a Pirate Day."

Fred Kopyy came to offer assistance with installing the Park Equipment, as well as to offer some recycled plastic edging material that perhaps could be used to line the park equipment or even used as an "Indiana Jones-type foot bridge in one of the parks, should there be such a place for such a use.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Town Manager reported that there was not much going on in the Parks right now. The cleanup continues of damage from last month's storms. There continue to be walkers and bike riders in the parks, although the weather has been pretty hot this summer. Due to the rains, much of the grass has revived after the Homecoming.

There was general discussion about establishing some guidelines and goals for the Summer Kids' Park Program, which has been a successful program for the past few years. As the number of children is increasing for this free program, it is felt that it is time to determine if the needs of the program are being met by the present resources and what improvements could be made in the program. Lynette Johnson, who is a teacher, will draft a document for the Park Board to review so that the program goals can be defined prior to next Summer.

CONGDON PARK REVIEW

There was discussion initiated over the publication of a letter from the Bristol Lions Club in the Bristol Bugle concerning the matter of installation of park benches donated by the Club in the Park. Although the Club believed it had provided 5 benches to the Town, the Town Manager and Maintenance employees are only aware of 4 ever being delivered. Three have been installed in Congdon Park, and the 4th had been held at the maintenance building and planned for installation by the new Pirate playground equipment. However, the 4th bench will now be used to replace one of the other benches that was destroyed by a falling tree during the recent storms. The other issue raised by the Club was the placing of other signs on the "Welcome to Bristol" sign. Town Manager Bill Wuthrich left a message to ask the Lions Club President to attend the next Town Council meeting on Thursday, Aug. 19, to discuss the issue with the Town Council.

CUMMINS PARK REVIEW

Gary Lowell commented that the new swing set was not yet up, and that he and the other maintenance employee were kept very busy mowing during the last several months. However, he stated that the swingset would be installed by August 31.

HERMANCENCE PARK REVIEW

The temporary handicap ramp at the Pavilion. will also be installed by the fall, according to Gary Lowell

MEMORIAL PARK PARK REVIEW

No report.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 16, 2010 at 6:00pm at the Town Hall