

**Bristol Parks & Recreation
Ellingwood Information Center
March 5, 2024**

Commissioners present: Clyde Pendleton, Lauri Mahan, Sandra Lane

Also present: Shelley Gallagher, Pat Porter, John Porter

Meeting called to order at 6:03 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes:

Laurie made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 5 meeting, approval, Clyde seconded, and motion carried.

New Business

- A. We received several bids for the work at the lighthouse. The biggest challenge has been finding a mason that feels comfortable working on an historic building. Phil Fitton had submitted a bid, but it was for new bricks and he wanted to rescind his bid due to having to clean and use the old bricks and the labor that would be involved with that. There was only one bid for each of the remaining items on the bid sheet. Another contractor said they would like to bid, they just needed more time. Clyde said we would extend the bid opening an extra 2 weeks, closing on March 18. Shelley will work on finding masons that work on historic buildings and will also let the other contractor know he has until the 18th to submit his bid now.
- B. Shelley was contacted by the Lincoln Academy Boosters about donating 2 punch passes to be used at their auction. The money raised goes to assist students with costs of extracurricular activities and needs. Last year the Parks Commission donated 2 punch passes, and Clyde made a motion to donate 2 punch passes again this year. Laurie seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Shelley will let the Boosters know and they will come pick them up.
- C. Saltwater Artist Gallery would like to do their Plein Air Day event again this summer. The date would be Saturday July 20, with Sunday July 21 being the rain date. They would like to purchase punch passes for the lighthouse as they did last year for their artists to use to come in to paint. At the end of the day, they will have an art sale at the Seagull Shop and they would like us to attend and give us a donation to rebuilding the Bell Tower. All of the Parks Commissioners thought it was a great idea, and someone from Parks would be available for the check presentation at the end of the day. The Parks Commissioners were appreciative of the gallery thinking of our damage and wanting to donate to the rebuilding.
- D. Holly Nelson is doing drop in basketball and soccer on March 11, 13, 18 and 20 at BCS school from 2:30- 4 for grades 6-8. It is a new idea so we are unsure how many kids will attend, but it is a good opportunity for the kids to get some extra practice time while playing against each other in game type situations. Holly also is possibly interested in doing a softball clinic if there is a coach that can assist. She is going to talk to some of the coaches when she is at school in the next week or so. Pitchers and catchers start the first week of April.

Old Business

- A. Cameron from DEP came to see the beach and was surprised by how much worse it looks in person. He has spoken with Pete and Shelley emailed aerial photos of the beach so Pete could send diagrams of what to do for the dune preservation. He does not think he can make it up here for a while so he is going to send directions and a diagram to follow, as well as be available over zoom if we need additional help. DEP did agree that the boardwalk can, and probably should, be detachable so it can be removed at the end of each season so that is what will be done when we rebuild this year. The tractor path gate also needs to be rebuilt, and it may be moved up near the fence instead of sown closer to the beach.
- B. The Student Council at Lincoln Academy did a fundraiser to benefit our Parks Department rebuilding effort. Clyde will go to the school on Thursday for the check presentation. They were able to raise more than \$500 which is greatly appreciated. The apparel fundraiser is going well so far. There were over 60 orders in the first weekend alone. KDK will print the apparel that has been ordered so far the week of March 18. We will continue to do that fundraiser through the end of April. After that, we will print some of the apparel and sell it at Ellingwood and the Beach over the summer. The magnets with the bell tower sunset picture is also in progress and will be available to sell hopefully in the next couple of weeks.

Public Comments

Clyde moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:39pm.