

Park and Recreation Department
Recreation Committee
Wednesday, May 15, 2019 5:00 p.m.
City Hall, Park Office, 2nd Floor, 111 North Main Street, Bristol, CT
Meeting Minutes

Present: Chairwoman, Paula O'Keefe
Commissioner Cindy Donovan
Robert Fiorito
Jessie Caetano
Carol Dennehy
Robert Kalat
Dr. Joshua Medeiros, Superintendent of Parks Department

Absent: Commissioner Bogdanski

1) **Call to order:** Commissioner O'Keefe called to meeting at 5:00

2) **Acceptance of minutes**

None

3) **Public Participation**

None

4) **Old Business:**

None

5) **New Business**

a. Memorial Tree Program

Dr. Medeiros explained the tree program and the pricing and types of trees that are available. The money raised would be placed into the Friends Fund in order to draw upon in the future. The price will be established at \$500.00 and will include a plaque if the client wishes. Commissioner O'Keefe would like to see a listing of who purchased a tree for the memory of a family, friend or loved one. This can be shared on the website as well.

All Commissioners agreed and no motion was made. Dr. Medeiros will explore options for plaques versus poles with staff.

b. 100th Anniversary of Memorial Boulevard 2021

Mrs. Carol Dennehy approached the Commissioners and explained the history of the Boulevard from Mr. Albert Rockwell. The Boulevard was established as a gateway to Bristol to increase economics in 1921. In 1924 there was a dedication to the World War 1 monument. She went into great detail with the history of the Memorial Boulevard and all of the monuments. She suggested forming a committee for the design in order to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Memorial Boulevard. This would be a great opportunity to teach others while honoring the veterans. In 2021, the Memorial Boulevard will feature the Mum Festival and that would be a great time for the celebration. She would like to see the Historic Society, Mum Festival Committee, Veterans Group, Arts & Culture Committee, the National Guard and partnering with the schools to be involved in the planning of the celebration. Dr. Medeiros will place this on the Park Board agenda next month and will form a list of who we can recruit to assist in the planning to meet the goals. No motion made.

6) Other Business:

7) Adjourn:

Motion made by Commissioner Donovan to adjourn at 5:45 p.m.
Seconded by Commissioner O'Keefe.
All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Wilson
Recording Secretary
Board of Park Commissioners