

Parks and Recreation Committee
City of Eastport

November 5, 2018 @ 6pm
Eastport City Hall

Minutes-Submitted by Ross Argir

Members in Attendance: Ross Argir (Chair), Jana Sutherland, Lisa Marquis-Bradbury, Judy Pruitt

- The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm. Member Judy Pruitt attended the meeting telephonically.
- Ross Argir reported that longtime member Bob Bean had resigned from the committee for health reasons. All members present voiced their concern for Mr. Bean and their appreciation for all he has done for Eastport's parks.
- Ross Argir reported that the dog park continues to appear cleaner and well kept. Ross Argir reported that Bob Bean indicated to him that the trash can at the dog park can fill up in one day and that public works is doing an adequate job in caring for the park.
- Ross Argir relayed some updates provided to him by City Manager Elaine Abbott, as she could not attend the meeting. Ms. Abbot reports that the musical instruments have been installed at Cony Park and that the interpretive panel sign should be installed any day. Ms. Abbott also indicated that said installations complete the current work at Cony Park. All members in attendance complimented Ms. Abbot's efforts regarding Cony Park.
- Ms. Abbot had also relayed to Ross Argir that the Parks and Rec budget for this fiscal year would have about \$6,000 in funds yet to be allocated (another \$3,000 has been pledged to the baseball field), though \$1,000 should be reserved for spring cleanup at some of the smaller parks. That leaves \$5,000 for other projects.
- Ross Argir also mentioned that Maine Coast Heritage Trust had proposed a walking path on the old railroad bed and all members in attendance voiced their support of such a project, but understand that the City Council must take the lead.
- In regards to the new park at 1 Byrd Street, there was a general conversation about the conception of the park. Jana Sullivan pointed out that many of the children who live in the proximity of the park are rather young and that the park should appropriately accommodate their play needs. Ross Argir relayed that Ms. Abbot had indicated the first step was to buy fencing for the park. A motion was made to appropriate \$1,750 of the Parks and Rec budget for the purpose of buying fencing materials for the new park at 1 Byrd Street (to be installed by Public Works). The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. A motion was then made to allocate \$3,250 for the purchase of playground equipment for the park, equipment to be specified at the next meeting. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- At 6:15pm a motion was made to adjourn that was seconded and passed unanimously.