

PARKS, RECREATION & PUBLIC PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING
NOVEMBER 3, 2016
3:30 pm

The following persons were present for the meeting: Chairperson Nicole Houck, Committee Members Ron Enyeart and Jim Bair; Councilmembers John Gradwell, and James Decker, Sr., Junior Councilperson Madison Troha, Mayor DeeDee Brown, Assistant Borough Secretary Melody J. Parsons, and Borough Manager William W. Wheeler.

Councilperson Houck called the meeting to order.

VISITORS: Sign in sheet attached.

RECOGNIZE GUESTS AND PUBLIC COMMENT: Chairperson Houck introduced the member of the Bob Perks Committee that was in attendance along with representative from Juniata College to discuss the 5k run on December 10th @ 9:00 a.m. beginning at Juniata College. They reported to the Committee about their fundraising plan. Mayor Brown asked the Bob Perks Committee to notify the Police Dept. of the route and number of participants. Chairperson Houck explained that they plan to keep the route up around the college. The Committee will get the information back to the Mayor.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Brown reported that the garden gateway at Portstown Park has been cleaned up by a group of students from Penn Highlands College. They also cleaned the bump out on 3rd Street.

OLD BUSINESS:

250th CELEBRATION UPDATE: Councilperson Houck reported that there were some structural changes in the committee. 250th Celebration will be a one-day event on June 10, 2017. There will be a minutia celebration downtown. They are looking at closing down Washington Street from 7th to 5th St. They are looking at opening ceremonies on William Penn Street by the standing stone. So now their focus is on fundraising. Chairperson Houck also asked if the Borough would be able to contribution money because it is the town's celebration.

PARKS COMMISSION: Councilperson Houck will set up the first meeting with the new Park's Commission.

WEAVER PARK MURAL: Junior Council Person Troha stated that she needs to know what the next step in.

ROOF FOR BOROUGH BUILDING: Manager Wheeler reported that he had Terry Green come by and expect the borough building. He is waiting for Terry to get a price back to him. The Committee approved Manager Wheeler to move on with the borough building roof repair with Terry Green.

NEW BUSINESS:

DCNR CONSERVATION AND RECREATION GRANTS PROGRAM:

Chairperson Houck stated that she sent everyone a copy of the grant information that she received from DCNR. She asked if there is any interest from the council to pursue this. She would like some assistance because she is not available to go to the mandatory workshop on November 10th. Mayor Brown suggested sending Melody Parsons and Jim Bair. They will attend.

Councilperson Decker asked if the bushes at Weaver Park can be cut back. Manager Wheeler will have them trimmed.

Councilperson Decker also brought up the subject of looking at putting security cameras in our parks. Chairperson Houck will put this on the next agenda.

Councilperson Decker also asked if the advertisement signs around the city league field could be cleaned up. He also wanted to bring the conversation up regarding another bathroom at the city league field. Manager Wheeler stated that there are restrooms at the little league area.

Mayor Brown brought up for discussion closing the parks from dusk to dawn. This is a request from the Police Dept. It was decided that there would be a resolution written approving the hours of opening for the borough parks to be dawn to dusk.

ADJOURNMENT:

BY: Melody J. Parsons
Assistant Borough Secretary