

PARKS, RECREATION & PUBLIC PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING
FEBRUARY 14, 2017
4:30 pm

The following persons were present for the meeting: Chairperson Nicole Houck, Committee members Jim Bair and Ron Enyeart; Councilmembers President Dave Quarry, Donna Isenberg, John Gradwell and James Decker, Sr., Mayor DeeDee Brown, Maintenance Supervisor Tom Yarnell, and Assistant Borough Secretary Melody J. Parsons.

Chairperson Houck called the meeting to order.

VISITORS: Steve Steeg

RECOGNIZE GUESTS AND PUBLIC COMMENT: There were not any public comments at this time.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Brown did not have a report at this time.

OLD BUSINESS:

WEAVER PARK MURAL: Chairperson Houck reported that Madison has been working with the contact from the Weis Store. They informed Madison that they had never set aside money for the mural. Weis Store's commitment is to paint the background. Chairperson Houck asked the Committee if they are willing to contribute the money for paint for the wall. She will let Madison know that we want her to move forward with painting the mural.

NEW BUSINESS:

STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL#3: PROVIDE HEALTH AND WELLNESS OPPORTUNITIES FOR RESIDENTS AND VISITORS OF THE BOROUGH:

Chairperson Houck stated that she would like to spend some time brainstorming about how we intend on moving forward with the goal for strategic plan. Manager Wheeler stated that he heard from Tony Ricci, from the Farmer's Market. Mr. Ricci would like to meet with the Borough in order to make a formal agreement for having the Farmer's Market at Portstown Park every year. They require all their vendors to have liability insurance. Last year Council approved a Winery at the Market. Manager Wheeler will get in touch with Solicitor Wilson to have an agreement drawn up.

Chairperson Houck asked Councilperson Decker to explain what we are looking for to accomplish the Health and Wellness Goal. Councilperson Decker explained that they would like to have a visual on the walls to remind people to continue pursuing the goals that have been set. Chairperson Houck suggested that a survey is sent out asking people for input. This will be tabled until after final approval of Council of the Strategic Plan at the next Regular Council Meeting.

PARKS COMMISSION UPDATE: Chairperson Houck stated they the first Parks Commission meeting was in January. The meetings have been scheduled for the 1st Tuesday of each month. Jennifer Clark has resigned from Park's Commission. Ed Tos is the Chairperson of the Committee and he is doing some coordinating to get things together for the next meeting. We need a fifth member. We will need to advertise for a member.

OTHER BUSINESS:

ROOF AND CEILING ON PAVILION AT WEAVER PARK: Supt. Yarnell reported that there has been a leak in the roof of the pavilion and the ceiling is ruined. Supt. Yarnell stated that the ceiling is going to need to be replaced. Both the roof on the pavilion and the roof on the building are going to need to be replaced. Manager Wheeler will go to the Park with Supt. Yarnell to look at the building and the pavilion.

Mayor Brown will have someone adopt the flower garden at the monument at Weaver Park.

Mayor Brown stated that the Vo-tech is building a replica of the little house that is on display at the Historical Society Building. This will be in the parade for the 250th Celebration. They want to display the house to be viewed at Merchant Park. Manager Wheeler stated that we need to know the size of the footprint of the foundation. The Committee recommended going ahead with the plan to put the little house at Merchant Park.

Councilperson Bair invited Tammy Stubler to talk about the Parade and Banners for the 250th Celebration. Tammy stated that the College would like to replace the banners that are up now. They are faded and at a point that it is time for them to come down. The College just released their new logo and so it's in their interest to replace the banners. Based on an estimate of 36 banners which was the number of flags that were put up years ago, to do a two color design on the banners is approximate \$3000.00 and a 1 color sign is about \$2400.00. The College suggests alternating the College banners with the Borough banners as you are going down the street.

Councilperson Bair explained that they would also need about \$2,000.00 towards the parade from the Borough.

Manager Wheeler will put on the agenda for Council to donate \$4,000.00 to the 250th celebration.

Karl Lang asked if there is space for him to lease in the borough building.

ADJOURNMENT:

FINAL DRAFT

BY: Melody J. Parsons
Assistant Borough Secretary