

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

The following persons were present for the meeting: Chairperson Nicole Houck, Committee members Jim Bair, Donna Isenberg and Ron Enyeart; Councilmembers President Dave Quarry, Mayor DeeDee Brown, and Borough Manager William W. Wheeler.

Chairperson Houck called the meeting to order.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Brown reported that SKILLS was looking for some community service. They would like to adopt Weaver Park including the monument. Committee agreed.

Mayor Brown reported that the Memorial Day Parade is the 29th of May.

OLD BUSINESS:

WEAVER PARK MURAL: Chairperson Houck stated that she has spoken with Madison and she will begin getting the work together for the Mural. Madison is going to start working with the art students at the high school. She will be reaching to see if any people would be willing to donate paint.

Chairperson Houck received a request from the High School for the clean-up of Weaver Park for a student project one time per year. The committee agreed.

STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL:

PARKS SURVEY: Chairperson Houck reported that they spoke about some brainstorming for the goal at this meeting. She would like to reintroduce the park survey at this time. Councilperson Enyeart stated that he is confused regarding the roles of the Park Commission and the roles of the Park, Recreation, and Public Property Committee. Manager Wheeler explained the difference between the roles for the Committee and Commission. Councilperson Bair stated that he thought that the Commission duties would be recommendations only. Chairperson Houck suggested that we have Solicitor Wilson review the Ordinance. Manager Wheeler will have Solicitor Wilson review the ordinance.

Chairperson Houck will use in information received from the recent Parks Survey to help with the goal of the Strategic Plan.

NEW BUSINESS:

CLOSING TIME FOR PARKS: Chairperson Houck stated that Councilperson Decker asked that she bring up that the parks be closed from Dusk to Dawn. The Committee agreed.

Manager Wheeler stated that Kristen Musselman will be coming to the next Parks, Recreation, and Public Property Committee. Kristen is going to do CPR classes here.

Councilperson Houck asked if we received any letters from applicants to fill the vacancy on the park commission. Manager Wheeler said that they did not. She asked that we advertise again.

Councilperson Isenberg reported that someone has built areas on flag pole hill for bike jumps. She asked who has responsibility if someone gets hurt. Manager Wheeler suggested that we can put up signs stating that the borough is not responsible for injuries incurred.

Councilperson Enyeart asked if we are doing anything with the Portstown Park section across from Laney's. Manager Wheeler stated we have Act 13 money that is available. We will check with Mark Colussey. The committee would like to look into a Kayak launch or a dog park.

Councilperson Bair reported that the plans for the 250th celebration are coming along.

ADJOURNMENT:

BY: Melody J. Parsons
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