

PARKS, RECREATION & PUBLIC PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING
APRIL 7, 2016
3:30 P.M.

The following persons were present for the meeting: Chairwoman Nicole Houck, Committee Member Ron Enyeart and Jim Bair; Council members Donna Isenberg, James Decker, Sr., Junior Councilperson Madison Troha, Isett Pool Manager Kristen Musselman, Mayor DeeDee Brown, Assistant Borough Secretary Melody J. Parsons, and Borough Manager William W. Wheeler.

Chairwoman Houck called the meeting to order.

VISITORS: See attached sign in sheet.

RECOGNIZE GUESTS AND PUBLIC COMMENT: Steve Heine and Anthony Bullett from the Huntingdon Park and Road Association. Mr. Heine presented to Committee information about the history of Blair Park.

Evan Gross from Rothrock Outfitters explained to the Committee a program that would help make use of the bikes the Borough has in storage. This could help many people in the community that need reliable transportation. Mayor Brown responded that there is a procedure that we have to go through with the bikes. Manager Wheeler will work with the Mayor and Chief to check on the necessary process for the bikes.

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

ISSETT POOL MANAGER'S REPORT: Kristen Mussleman the Isett Pool Manager came to the Committee to ask that the pool prices be lower. She feels they are too high. She stated that last year when the prices were raised that the attendance was much lower. She has some ideas that she would like the Committee to consider. She feels daily admission should be \$3.00, she would like to have \$2.00 Tuesdays, bring a friend Friday, and if they buy their family membership on Memorial Day they will receive a discount. Chairperson Houck stated she feels we should take Kristen's recommendations because she is there and knows what is going on. It was decided that the new admission fees listed would be recommended to full Council. Family Memberships will be \$150.00 up to 4 members then each member will be \$25.00. Daily Individual Admission will be \$3.00 per person. Senior (65 and up) memberships will be \$40.00. The cost for renting the pool would be \$100.00 per hour.

Kristen requested that Council pay ½ the costs for new swim wear. She asked for 25 cents per hour increase for all returning life guards. She would like to give out coupons to the area schools for one free swim day. She was asked by the school district what the cost would be to bring students from 4th-6th grade in to swim during the week after Memorial Day. It was decided that the Cost would be \$150.00.

Manager Wheeler reported that the DOC crew will not be here until the 20th. The Borough crew could uncover the pool the week of the 13th.

Kristen would also like permission that beginning in August to shorten the pool hrs to 12:00 – 6:00 pm. Chairperson Houck instructed Kristen to use her own judgment with closing the pool.

The pool will open for Memorial Day. Then it will close and open June 14th for the season.

Executive session was called at 5:30 p.m. to discuss personnel.

Meeting reconvened at 5:40 pm. A decision was made and will be on the agenda at the regular meeting.

OPEN ISSUES:

UPDATE ON MURAL PROJECT AT WEAVER: Junior Councilperson Troha has people lined up to complete the Mural at Weaver Park.

WATER TANK MURAL REMOVAL: Manager Wheeler reported that he has spoken with Alyssa Handy and she would like to repair the mural on the water tank. She will be having a fundraiser at the bowling alley on April 22nd to help raise money for supplies.

CEMETARY ENTRANCE: Manager Wheeler reported that Buck tore out shrubs that need to be replaced. Dr. Savory made some suggestions for new shrubs for replacement.

Manager Wheeler stated that it would be nice to have a new cemetery sign. Chairperson Houck asked Manager Wheeler to get some prices for a new entrance sign. He will look for something similar to the old one only bigger.

PARK COMMISSION: Solicitor Wilson emailed Council a draft of the Park Commission Ordinance.

NO SMOKING SIGNS: Manager Wheeler reported that Supt. Yarnell found the “No Smoking” signs. He will have him put them up.

250th CELEBRATION UPDATE: Chairperson Houck reported that she and Councilperson Enyeart attended the planning meeting for the 250th celebration.

NEW BUSINESS:

REINVISIONS HUNTINGDON GRANT: Chairperson Houck stated that Linda Goodman is working on a project through Reinvisions. Manager Wheeler will schedule a meeting with Linda Goodman, Chairperson Houck and himself to discuss this.

PARKS SURVEY RESULTS: Chairperson Houck stated that she would like to use the “Fact Finding” Session this month to discuss the Park Survey Results.

CEMETERY PAVING: Chairperson Houck stated that they would like to schedule the paving of the cemetery roads with Maintenance. We are working with New Enterprise Stone and Lime to get a bid.

GLASS RECYCLING: Manager Wheeler reported that if we have Bergmeier’s recycle the glass the Borough will receive 20%, if we take the glass and recycle it we get 100%. The glass recycling issues was tabled.

LED LIGHTING BY POOL BUILDING: Manager Wheeler stated that the LED light at the pool looks nice. He would like to replace the wall pack with LED lights.

ADJOURNMENT:

BY: Melody J. Parsons
Assistant Borough Secretary