

Huntingdon Borough Council
Parks, Recreation & Public Property Committee
Meeting Minutes
6-07-2018

Committee Members: Bob Jackson (Chair), Nicole Houck, Johnathan Hyde

Call to Order: **Chairperson Jackson called the meeting to order at 6:00.**

Attendees: Chairperson Jackson, Nicole Houck, John Hyde, Jim Bair, Sean Steeg, Dan Varner, Mayor David Wessels

There were no members of the public present.

Mayor's Report – Dave Wessels

- Mayor Wessels reported that there were leftover flowers from planting the Gateway Garden and asked for suggestions of places to plant them. Mayor Wessels mentioned the bump out by Fergusons. Dan Varner suggested planting them at the pool and the committee agreed.

Parks Commission Chair's Report – Ed Tos

- Chairperson Jackson reported that the Parks Commission held an open meeting to hear feedback from the public about suggestions for the parks. One of the suggestions was live music in the parks. Another was updating/replacing the skate park to make it something more modern that kids want to use. It was also suggested that the local clubs be approached to sponsor activities for kids at the park. A kayak launch was also discussed.

Old Business

- Steve Parks has kiddie pool designs ready to present
 - Chairperson Jackson reported that Steve Parks will present the designs on June 14, 2018 at 1:00 in the Conference Room.
- Update on signage for Dog Park. Review of proposed list of park rules.
 - Chairperson Jackson reported that he is scheduling a meeting next week with Graham Curtis (sign maker) to come up with mock ups of signs for the dog park.
- Dog Park permit still not received.
 - Chairperson Jackson reported that we are still waiting on the permit.

- Donated fencing from Juniata College – Take action to secure it.
 - Chairperson Jackson reported that the fencing still had not been picked up from Juniata College. Arrangements will be made to pick it up.

New Business

- Annual Juneteenth event on June 16th
 - Chairperson Jackson reported that the event was happening and asked if council needed anything else from the Juneteenth Committee
- Update on community pool opening and new information
 - Chairperson Jackson reported that it was a positive opening for the pool. Dan Varner commended Chris Stevens for his work on helping to ensure the pool was ready for opening.
- Blair Field Maintenance & High School's use in 2019
 - Chairperson Jackson indicated that discussion occurred at the Parks Commission meeting about the maintenance and upkeep of the field from Mike Alexander. An inquiry was received about changing the baselines to convert it to a softball field because there are more softball leagues in the area. It was also reported that the flag needs to be replaced at the field. Chairperson Jackson reported that the City League requested to have the field permanently if the high school team does not plan to return to the field. It was decided that the high school should be contacted soon to determine this.
- Little Library project at Weaver Park
 - Chairperson Jackson reported that Sarah Worley followed up on the progress of the project. It will be necessary to have borough employees perform the installation of the library at Weaver Park.
- General park maintenance – summer grass mowers
 - Chairperson Jackson asked about the upkeep of the grass at the field, particularly the weeds under the stand. The upkeep of this falls to the league.

Final Comments/Questions-Chairperson Jackson opened the floor to comments from the public again.

- Joan Cassatt presented Chairperson Jackson with documents regarding the parks.
- Gary Cramer reported that there were drivers racing in the high school parking lot and suggested a gate be put out in that parking lot in the summer.

Adjournment: Chairperson Jackson adjourned the meeting at 6:46.