

PARKS, RECREATION & PUBLIC PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY, AUGUST 2, 2018 – 6:00 PM

The Parks, Recreation and Public Property Committee meeting was called to order by Chairman Robert Jackson Jr.

Members present were President Nicole Houck, Vice President Sean Steeg, Councilman David Quarry, Councilman Terry Green, Councilman James Bair Jr., Councilman Johnathan Hyde, Mayor David Wessels, and Borough Manager Daniel Varner.

Richard King took the minutes of this meeting.

There were no guest present for this meeting.

Mayors Report: Had nothing to report on

Daniel Varner stated that he met with Bob Geissinger and Bob mentioned that he had enough money in the account to buy LED lights for the Snow Flakes and that by doing this the lights will last longer and save money. Bob said the LED lights will cost about \$4,000.00.

Mayor Wessels mentioned that he has talked to Tim Nabozny of Skills and Tim wanted to know what they could do for the borough. Mayor is to get with Tim and see if we get the LED lights, will they put them in the snowflakes.

Mayor Wessels mentioned that he has talked to Kevin Kauffman and we can use the manpower from Department of Corrections to do things at the parks. He will call Dan on Monday.

Mayor Wessels stated he has spoken to Gary Ferguson of Ferguson's Pub and they will take care planting the bump out on the corner.

Robert Jackson Jr. talked on the email he received from Ed Tos and some of his questions were:

- 1) Tony from the Farmers Market mentioned about getting some more benches or picnic tables placed over at Portstown Park. However that may not be necessary because the traffic generator was the BBQ man who has moved to Riverside Park.
- 2) Requested that the Splash Pad be put out for bid. Dan Varner mentioned that this will be put out for bid and will be done this fall so it will be in place for next year.

Mayor Wessels mentioned about the American Legion Bench Program, where there is about 35 kids that make Earth Benches will be held at the Community Gardens. He mentioned that they would like approval to have a second one either at Portstown Park or Weaver Park. Discussion was how do we take care of them, what are they going to look like in 3 years. Mayor Wessels is to get more information on this. It was mentioned about maybe putting one at the Dog Park.

Dan Varner mentioned that he had a meeting with Mel & Chet Isett about purchasing a Rock Wall and Obstacle Course and see if this can be paid out of the foundation money received already. Their answer was no but to go ahead and get it and give them the bill and they will pay for it. The obstacle course was less than \$10,000.00 and was ordered and paid for. The other item will be considered later.

Robert Jackson Jr. mentioned that we still have not received the Dog Park permit.

Dan Varner mentioned that the fence is down at Juniata College and that the post might be too short and if they are, we will need to purchase post. We will need to see what the permit states about using fence at the Dog Park.

Robert Jackson Jr. reported that the Little Library has been installed at Weaver Park.

Robert Jackson Jr. asked about the update on future usage of Blair Field and High School involvement and Dan Varner mentioned that there were no plans yet.

Robert Jackson Jr. gave the update on the DCNR grant and Borough Trails and that he has received a positive report on the conditions of the trails.

Robert Jackson Jr. mentioned that he received a call from Jim Savory on people wanting their trees taken down. The Tree Commission will review these request and when appropriate give permission to the property owner to remove the trees at their expense.

Robert Jackson Jr. mentioned that if there is anything to do with Public Property to let him know.

Dan Varner mentioned about Portstown Park and the way it has been looking. He said the building, and benches need pressured washed and resealed. He mentioned about reaching out to the service clubs to adopt the park to take care of. It was mentioned about asking the Department of Correction to pressure wash and reseal the building and benches.

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 PM