

Huntingdon Borough Parks, Recreation & Public Property Committee Meeting

Thursday, January 3, 2019

The Parks, Recreation & Public Property Committee meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chairman Robert Jackson Jr.

Committee members present were Councilman Johnathan Hyde.

Others present were Councilman Terry Green, Councilman James Bair Jr., Borough Manager Daniel Varner and Borough Secretary Richard King.

Guest present were Ed Tos, George Conrad, Grant Stewart and Linda DeArmitt.

Chairman Robert Jackson Jr., recognized the guest present and asked if they had any comments.

- Robert Jackson Jr., said that since the Parks Commission was not able to meet on New Year's Day that they wanted to come to this meeting.

Chairman Robert Jackson Jr., then proceeded to the Mayor report.

- Mayor David Wessels had nothing to report.

Chairman Robert Jackson Jr., then proceeded to the Parks Commission Chairman's Report.

- Ed Tos acknowledged the Commission and the Committee.
- Ed Tos spoke on the whole leadership of the Isett Community Swimming Pool. He gives credit to Mary Ann Buckley and her staff for a great year at the pool and was proud that the Commission had a part in this.
- Ed Tos said that they will be working on a strategic plan.
- Ed Tos said that we need to reevaluate the Skate Park. Dan Varner said a person has contacted him and would like to be involved in the Skate Park. Dan told him that he needs to come to a meeting. This person told Dan that the Skate Park was out of date and that he would like to have some skateboard classes. The committee recommends that he come to the meeting and explain what his intentions are. The next meeting is February 5, 2019 at 4:30 PM.

Chairman Robert Jackson Jr., then proceeded to Old Business.

- Robert Jackson Jr., reported that we have not received the permit for the Dog Park.
- Robert Jackson Jr., reported that the High School will be using the Blair Field.
- Dan Varner gave an update on the Portstown Park and Arch Lighting. Dan mentioned that he had Jim Decker look at this and he found where the welcome to Huntingdon sign and Arch lights went to the traffic controller and was never hooked back up. Dan said this solved the Arch lights. Dan said that Jim Decker

found a burnt wire on the Portstown Park lights and there were issues with the timers.

- Robert Jackson Jr., said that George Drobnock is pursuing a DCNR Grant for the trails. Dan Varner spoke on the making of the trails and putting in gates. Dan said that he will be meeting with a forester and looking at what trees we can cut and will be able to use some of this money for the trails.
- Robert Jackson Jr., said that Grant Stewart is filling in for Jeff Gill and his term is to expire January 2020.
- Robert Jackson Jr., reported that we have not received anything from Cisney & O'donnell on the Splash Pad. He said he hopes to receive the RFP for the Splash Pad and hopes to have this out in February or March and have done intime for the pool to open.
- Robert Jackson Jr., stated that we need to review everything for the Dog Park and this will be fencing, signage, and plaque. Robert Jackson said that he has spoken to Graham Curtis on the signage and has heard nothing back from him.
- Dan Varner spoke on the pavilion at Portstown Park. He said that the facia board, and the ends of the beams were rotten, and this was due to them not stacking the shingles correctly. This has been repaired by Southern Contractors.

Chairman Robert Jackson Jr., then proceeded to New Business.

- Dan Varner said that there is now a leak in the middle of the pavilion and is asking for a quote to replace the roof. He mentioned that we might need a whole new roof. He said there was a suggestion to put a metal roof on this.
- Dan Varner said that the picnic tables need redone. He said if there was some manpower to do this that the borough could haul them somewhere to be redone.
- Terry Green mentioned that part of the roof is falling off where the fire was at 228-230 Mifflin Street. Dan Varner said that G&R Excavating is ready to come in but Penelec needs to remove their electric lines. G&R was to make it safe by tomorrow.
- Terry Green mentioned that we should just cap off the line at the Curb Box in case someone would want to rebuild there. Dan Varner said that he has heard that next door might purchase this and make a parking lot, and if that was the case, it should be dug up and shut off at the main.
- George Conrad spoke on some issues on the trails. He said the bridge at Warner Trail there are boards broken, he said there are issues on Bearcat Trail and at the Cemetery there are limbs on the trail. Dan Varner said that possible next week Randy Fickes and himself will be going on the trails.
- James Bair Jr., mentioned that the lights coming into Huntingdon do belong to Henderson Township and are out.

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 PM.

Minutes submitted by,

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