

Borough of Huntingdon
Parks, Recreation & Public Property Meeting

Thursday, February 7, 2019

The Parks, Recreation & Public Property meeting was called to order by Chairman Robert Jackson Jr., at 6:22 PM in the Borough Conference Room.

Committee Members present were President Nicole Houck and Councilman Johnathan Hyde.

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

Guest present were Ed Tos, Chairman Parks Commission, Mike Alexander and Lincoln Cuong (6:20 PM).

Chairman Robert Jackson recognized the guest present and asked for the comments.

- Mike Alexander spoke on the ball field down by the pool and said that Butch Woodward said that they could not play softball on this field.
- Mike Alexander said that he has a co-ed softball league and that the High School is playing on their own field right now.
- Mike Alexander said that they play ball from April thru August.
- Dan Varner said that we are applying for grant money and once we receive this then we will start working on the field.
- Mike Alexander said that the league has been paying the electric bills every month.
- The committee said that the softball league could use this since the High School is not playing on it.
- Dan Varner said that once the grant money comes in then they would need to find another field.
- Robert Jackson Jr. asked about Weaver Park and it was reported that a youth girls' softball league used it.
- It was suggested about using Detwiler Field in the future.

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

- Ed Tos said that at their meeting, they spoke on the update of the Splash Pad, Dog Park Permit, Rules for the Dog Park, Strategic Plan are being made and activities for the park.

Old Business.

- Robert Jackson told Ed that they were talking about adding a second pavilion and parking on the other side at Portstown Park.
- Robert Jackson said that Gram Curtis will be attending the next meeting to show the signs.
- Dan Varner provided spec for the splash pad design and went over the plans.
- Terry Green said that the Water Main goes under the pad. Dan said he will check on this.
- Dan Varner said that to be open Memorial Day weekend and have the splash pad in place and to give time for the grass to grow that the advertisement for bids had to be placed before this meeting.
- Dan Varner said that the bid deadline to receive bids is 4:00 PM on February 19, 2019 and open bids at the Council Meeting at 7:30 PM.
- Robert Jackson Jr., asked if we could provide CDBG grant money for low income for families to purchase memberships at the Isett Community Swimming Pool.
- Robert Jackson Jr., mentioned about using CDBG grant money for Summer Camps.
- Lincoln Cuong wanted to introduce himself to the committee. He said he owns the Nail Salon at 212 5th Street and he has lived in the borough for 2 years.
- Lincoln Cuong spoke on the skate board park and the lack of things for kids to do. Lincoln said the skate park could be utilized better. Lincoln said that 90% of the injuries occur the 1st year of a child using a board.

Lincoln said that skate boarding will be held in the 2020 Olympics. Lincoln said that this was the 3rd biggest sport for ages 12 to 18.

- Lincoln Cuong said that he wanted to help and that the current ramps are not good. Lincoln spoke on business people that have been in this for years and he could have them develop the ramps to a better material. He said there is grant money out there for this.
- Robert Jackson Jr., thanked him and wanted him to come to the Parks Commission meeting to be held March 5, 2019 at 4:30 PM. He said we could all walk down and look at the park.
- Lincoln Cuong said that he would like to give lessons on Saturday and Sunday.

New Business.

- Dan Varner said that the Garden Club would like to replace the Welcome to Huntingdon Sign and to pay for it. Council would like to see the design first.
- Dan Varner reported that there was money in the Pool Capital Expenditure Fund and spoke on the deferred maintenance that was done and wasn't done. He mentioned about what needed taken care of.
 1. Broken lounge chairs were thrown away and need replaced
 2. Mats were worn out and discarded and need replaced
 3. Lifeguard chairs need repaired
 4. Need another Lifeguard chair for around the climbing wall
 5. Cheese Dispenser in the concession stand needs replaced
 6. Canopy and Umbrellas need replaced
- Dan Varner said that the concession things that need taken care of can come out of the concession money and the others out of capital expenditure.
- Robert Jackson Jr., said that we need to renew the Pool Managers contract.
- Dan Varner said that he would like to see us pay the lifeguards more money and that we are losing 3 or 4 that are going to other jobs for better pay. Dan said that he would like to recommend the lifeguard get \$9.00 an hour and the assistant managers \$12.50 an hour. This can be discussed further at a later meeting.
- Dan Varner spoke on the metal shelf at the concession stand and said that we need a canopy there so no one can burn themselves. He said that this get real hot when the sun is out.
- Dan Varner said that he would like to see the canopy on 6th Street be changed also.
- Dan Varner asked if it was ok to go ahead and purchase these items. The committee said yes.
- Dan Varner said that he spent \$250.00 for LED lights that was placed in the building.
- Dan Varner spoke on things that need done in the basement. He said that the Police need a shower room installed and a commode down there. He said this could be done in house.
- Dan Varner said that he was cleaning up the downstairs and the maintenance crew had filled 2 dump trucks with old unused electronic to go to Blair County Recycling. Dan said the original recycling fee was \$200.00. Dan said that we owe them another \$150.00 due to the volume of recycled electronics.
- Dan Varner said that there is tons of old records down in the basement that should not be kept and he is trying to figure out what to do with them.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Minutes submitted by,

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