

PARKS, RECREATION & PUBLIC PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING
JANUARY 5, 2017
3:30 pm

The following persons were present for the meeting: Chairperson Nicole Houck, Committee member Jim Bair; Councilmembers Donna Isenberg, John Gradwell and James Decker, Sr., Junior Councilperson Madison Troha, Mayor DeeDee Brown, Assistant Borough Secretary Melody J. Parsons, and Borough Manager William W. Wheeler.

Chairperson Houck called the meeting to order.

VISITORS: The following visitors were present: Jeff Gill and Marty Everhart.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Brown reported that the Elk's has agreed to adopt Flag Pole Hill. They will purchase the flags for this year.

Mayor Brown is working on getting an organization to adopt the welcome to Huntingdon signs.

Mayor Brown stated that she is looking for a person who would be interested in adopting the Bump out on 3rd Street. She stated that she does not see the purpose of the bump out on Washington Street. She stated that he should be removed and a sign stating loading and unloading zone. Councilperson Isenberg stated that the bump out on Washington Street should be on the Maintenance agenda.

RECOGNIZE GUESTS AND PUBLIC COMMENT: Marty Everhart asked if there were any grants available to fund restrooms at the Little League Field. Councilperson Houck explained that this will be discussed at the Park Commission Meeting. Someone will get back to him.

OLD BUSINESS:

250th CELEBRATION UPDATE: Chairperson Houck stated that she reported on the 250th Celebration at the Community Development Committee Meeting.

WEAVER PARK MURAL: Junior Councilperson Troha reported that she spoke with Patty a representative from the Weis Store. Patty told her that there were not any restrictions on painting the mural. Madison would like to hold a contest among the

school districts to see who would paint the mural on the wall. She would like to have the Kick-off on Earth Day and would like to have it finished by August.

ROOF FOR BOROUGH BUILDING: Manager Wheeler reported Terry Green has repaired the flat roof. Mr. Green will repair the shingled area in the spring of 2017.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Councilperson Decker stated why we don't take better care of our parks. He feels that should be closed from Dusk to Dawn. Chairperson Houck stated that she is concerned about turning off the lights. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

DCNR CONSERVATION AND RECREATION GRANTS PROGRAM:

At 4:00 pm the conference call came from DCNR to inform the Committee on what would be necessary to submit a DCNR Conservation and Recreation Grant application. The Committee is interested in some upgrades at Flag Pole Hill. The project that Council is looking at is within Community Park Category. He explained how the ADA standards would apply. He also explained how the cash match would apply. The first step would be to hire a consultant to prepare the required design. The Council had further discussion after the phone call to discuss moving forward with this year's grant or starting now to prepare for next year's application deadline. It was decided that they would work on application for next year.

Councilperson Decker reported that the scrubs at Weaver Park need trimmed.

Councilperson Bair stated that he would like to see Portstown Park decorated for Christmas next year.

ADJOURNMENT:

BY: Melody J. Parsons
Assistant Borough Secretary