

PARKS, RECREATION & PUBLIC PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING
JULY 6, 2017
5:00 pm

The following persons were present for the meeting: Chairperson Nicole Houck, Committee member Jim Bair; President David Quarry, Councilmembers Donna Isenberg, James Decker, Sr., Mayor DeeDee Brown, Assistant Borough Secretary Melody Parsons, and Borough Manager William W. Wheeler.

Chairperson Houck called the meeting to order.

VISITORS: Jennifer Clark, April Feagley, Dwight Beall, George Conrad, Ted Aurand, Bill McIlroy, Patrick Goodman, Ed Tos and Jeff Gill.

RECOGNIZE GUESTS AND PUBLIC COMMENT: Chairperson Houck stated that we have representatives from the Community Center here today to talk about the Dubois Gym. Manager Wheeler added that council had asked the representatives to attend to speak with them regarding ongoing management and operation of the gym. We are going to be in discussion with DCNR to help determine the outcome for the Borough. Will the Borough move forward with the purchase of the building or does the borough even have to purchase the building? Manager Wheeler stated that we do not know at this time what might happen. Ted Aurand explained what the Borough's responsibilities are and what the Community Center's responsibilities are should the Borough buy the building

Councilperson Isenberg mentioned that the school district may want to schedule time to use the gym for some of their sports practices. She hoped if they would make the request that the time could be able to be scheduled for them too.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Brown is not present.

PARKS COMMISSION REPORT: Jeff Gill presented the Parks Commission Report. The Commission decided on 3 projects they would like to see get done. One project they are looking at is meeting with Chet Isett about the construction of a baby pool at the Isett Community Pool. The second project they are looking at is plans to create a dog park. They would like it to be put on the left hand side of Ice Plant Road by Laney's in the grassy area. They would like to make it large enough that people can walk their dogs. The last project they were talking about is the boat launch at Laney's.

George Conrad was present. George is the newest member of the Parks Commission.

OLD BUSINESS:

MEETING RE: ISETT POOL: Chairperson Houck followed up on the meeting about the Pool. Manager Wheeler stated that he has not been able to contact David Martin to reschedule a meeting. The question that came up tonight is the Community Center had a meet and they are using the pool. In the past, we agreed that we would charge them \$500.00. I'm poised to send them an invoice for \$500.00 for the use of the pool. We give them a contribution then charge them. Seems that we should adjust the contribution we give them based on their usage of the pool. Manager Wheeler stated that he will set up a meeting with Dave Martin.

WEAVER PARK BUILDINGS: Chairperson Houck stated that we talked about the roof a couple of months ago. Manager Wheeler stated that he thinks that Supt. Yarnell has that scheduled for the DOC crew.

NEW BUSINESS:

PAVILION RENTALS: Chairperson Houck reported that she received correspondence from someone who had rented the pavilion at Portstown Park. The bathrooms were not in good shape and there was not any toilet paper. They tried to get ahold of someone in the borough to remedy it, but it was not resolved. Manager Wheeler stated that it had come to his attention and what was happening was that we were having the crews from the sewer plant empty the waste cans and check the restrooms. They didn't have a key to the back door. They have since been given a key.

Manager Wheeler reported that we have encountered a serious problem with our pool vac. It is very old. He received information on 2 new pumps. He explained the difference between the 2 pumps. The difference in price is \$700.00. The Committee agreed to purchase the WAVE200XL pump. Manager Wheeler reported that as of June 29th. The Pool Operating Acct. had \$56,329.00 and Capital Expense Acct. had \$37,244.00. It will be paid out of Capital Expense. The pump will be put on the agenda for the Special Meeting on July 11th for approval of the purchase.

Councilperson Bair asked that if the Pool Manager had been given permission to solicit donations for the pool on borough letterhead. Manager Wheeler will look into it.

Councilperson Decker asked if we shut the lights off at Portstown Park at Dusk. Mayor Brown responded the lights are set for every other one to go off.

Mayor Brown stated that she is happy to see that the Graffiti that was on the wall at the arch way was removed.

Councilperson Decker reported that the view from the parking lot at Weaver Field into the Park is such a jungle you cannot see anything. He thinks we are creating a potential problem. Manager Wheeler stated that he spoke with the representative of the Conservation District. He has asked the borough crew to trim the height down we cannot take those out. Manager Wheeler will make sure this is taken care of. Councilperson Bair wanted to thank everyone again for all their help for the 250th celebration.

Executive Session was called at 6:08 pm
Reconvened Session at 6:31 pm

ADJOURNMENT:

BY: Melody J. Parsons
Assistant Borough Secretary

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