

**PARKS, RECREATION & PUBLIC PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING
FEBRUARY 1, 2018
6:30 pm**

The following persons were present for the meeting: Chairperson Robert Jackson, Committee members President Houck, and Johnathan Hyde; Jim Bair, and Borough Manager William W. Wheeler.

Chairperson Jackson called the meeting to order.

VISITORS: Ed Tos of the Parks and Rec Commission

RECOGNIZE GUESTS AND PUBLIC COMMENT:

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor was not present.

PARKS COMMISSION CHAIR'S REPORT: Ed Tos stated that we have two projects going on. The dog park and the Isett Pool. He will meet with Manager Wheeler to get the bidding started for the pool upgrades.

OLD BUSINESS:

THANK YOU LETTERS TO ISETT FOUNDATION AND PATRICK HUGHES: Chairperson Jackson asked whose responsibility it is to send out the thank you letters. President Houck volunteer to send them out.

PERMIT FOR DOG PARK FENCE: Manager Wheeler reported that Juniata College is willing to donate their used fencing. Chairperson Jackson asked if there is a recommended height for a dog fence. Mr. Tos stated that he thinks 4 or 5 feet.

BANK ACCOUNT FOR PARKS COMMISSION: Manager Wheeler explained that there is not a bank account set up separately for the Dog Park. He stated that revenues that come into the borough for the Parks and Recreation Commission go into a revenue account that is listed as Parks and Rec Commission.

RESIDENTS' REQUEST TO CUT DOWN TREES: Chairperson Jackson asked what the status is on the trees that the residents wanted to be cut down on Orbison Street. Manager Wheeler explained that he usually gets ahold of Jim Savory and he looks at the trees and gives Manager Wheeler an opinion. Dr. Savory was ok with the residents taking the trees down and replanting something else.

PURCHASE OF RECYCLE CONTAINERS FOR PARKS: Manager Wheeler suggested that we use the recycling containers that we received from the county. He suggested that the containers be labeled.

NEW BUSINESS:

DCNR GRANTS PROGRAM: Chairperson Jackson asked the committee if they thought we could get receive grants from this program. President Houck explained what this program provides.

POOL MANAGER POSITION AND POOL SALARY BUDGET: Chairperson Jackson reported on the meeting that they held with MaryAnn Buckley regarding the position of Pool Manager. She expressed interest in being a pool manager this year. She wanted to know what our expectations were and explained what she would like to see. Manager Wheeler stated that Mary Ann would be the most qualified candidate. Manager Wheeler will advertise the Pool Manager Position. Chairperson Jackson stated that he would let Mary Ann know the date of the next meeting. It is February 13th at 6:00 pm.

Chairperson Jackson asked if the pool fees were set yet this year. Manager Wheeler stated that Council decides the pool fees. Manager Wheeler explained that the fees are reasonable. President Houck explained that the Pool Manager would bring suggests for the rates to the Committee. Chairperson Jackson stated that Mary Ann suggested that the family pool membership include a grandparent or a sitter. He stated that Mary Ann also suggested to spruce up the pool that they allow a student artist to do some murals on the inside of some walls. President Houck suggested that we look at the Standing Stone Coffee House Community Partnership grants.

LIFEGUARD TRAINING: Chairperson Jackson also stated that Mary Ann asked that if someone gets certified to work at the pool that after so many hours they will be reimbursed for the fee. The committee decided that they would be reimbursed ½ this year and ½ next year if they return. The certifications are good for 2 years.

RFP FOR COMMUNITY POOL IMPROVEMENTS: Manager Wheeler stated that we can get the bids out and back. He is wondering if we can get a company to do it.

OTHER BUSINESS:

ADJOURNMENT:

BY: Melody J. Parsons
Borough Secretary