

Huntingdon Borough Parks, Recreation and Public Property Committee Meeting

Thursday, April 4, 2019

The Parks, Recreation and Public Property Committee Meeting was called to order by Chairman Robert Jackson at 6:08 PM.

Committee members present were Councilman Johnathan Hyde.

Members present were Councilman James Bair, Councilman Terry Green, Assistant Borough Manager Chris Stevens, Borough Manager Daniel Varner and Borough Secretary Richard King.

Guest present was George Conrad from the Park's Commission.

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

- George Conrad had nothing to say.

Assistant Borough Manager Chris Stevens put on the screen pictures of the Isett Community Swimming Pool Splash Pad work.

- Dan Varner said that Mel and Chet Isett had contacted him and would like the cement to go further for people to sit and watch their kids. He said that this would be a 12 foot apron around it and we might have to move the fence. The cost would be about \$18,880.00 and Mel and Chet will get back to Dan on the Foundation covering this.
- If we move the fence then it was suggested to put a camera on the corner of the building.
- Dan Varner said that John C Yenter Associates would build a shed to house the controls and to put the water meter in and donate this.
- John C Yenter Associates would also put a sidewalk to the pavilions.
- There was a discussion on whether to have French Drains put in or not. If we do not put them in and this would save \$2,000.00 to \$3,000.00. This would be a deduction for the French drains, and a change order for addition to the project.
- Dan Varner said that the borough needs to look into setting up a 501 C 3 foundation that people can donate to the borough and do projects without all our restrictions.
- Dan Varner said that John C Yenter Associates has requested payment of \$65,000.00 for the project.

The Parks, Recreation and Public Property Committee recommends a motion to approve 1st payment request of \$65,000.00 to John C Yenter Associates for the Splash Pad Spray Park project.

- Dan Varner said that we might want to think about running conduit out under the apron in case we put up lights.
- Dan Varner said that Ted Aurandt was in to see him and wanted to know about doing the summer program up at Weaver Park.

The Parks Recreation and Public Property Committee recommends a motion to enter into an agreement with the Huntingdon Community Center to run the summer programs at Weaver Park.

- There was a discussion on the City League baseball field being used by the High School team due to a scheduling conflict.
- Dan Varner said that Mike Alexander had called him and said that he was going to have the electric disconnected and Dan said to hold off. It was suggested to put the electric into the borough's name and a suggestion was to charge everyone \$100.00 per year unless lights are turned on and then to bill them separately for this. The High School is to have priority.

- Dan Varner said that George has the paperwork to write the grant and a budget needs to be put together on the Blair Field and maybe we can fix the other field since it needs work also.
- Dan Varner said that parents are upset with the way Blair Field parking lot is. Dan said that maybe we need to remove some of the stone.
- Robert Jackson spoke on the Dog Park. He said that since Gram Curtis did not attend this meeting, he was going to call him and tell him we no longer need his services to make signs for the park.
- Robert Jackson then presented a drawing of how the Dog Park will be.
- Robert Jackson then handed out a set of rules for the Dog Park.
- Robert Jackson reported that there will be signs at both ends and in the middle.
- There was a discussion on how the dogs were going to drink water. It was suggested to get a frost free hydrant with a shut off and lock. It is to be locked at night.
- Chris Stevens is to get with Maintenance to see how much fence and post we have.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM.

Minutes submitted by,

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