

Huntingdon Borough Parks, Recreation & Public Property Committee Meeting

Thursday, March 7, 2019

The Parks, Recreation & Public Property Committee Meeting was called to order at 6:06 PM by Chairman Robert Jackson.

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

Members present were Councilman David Quarry, Councilman James Bair, Councilman Terry Green, 911 Director Chris Stevens, Borough Manager Daniel Varner and Borough Secretary Richard King.

Guest present were Shawn Speck – Legion Baseball, Jim Bryson – Legion Baseball, Keston Noeiga Legion Baseball, Sarah Snare – Little League, Ken Prokop – Little League, Wayne Walters – Legion Baseball, Rick Singleton – Legion Baseball and Ed Tos, Parks & Recreation Commission.

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

Rick Singleton spoke on the following.

- There will be two (2) leagues in the Legion Baseball League, one being a Jr. League which consist of 13 to 16 years of age and the other will be 16 to 19 years of age.
- The leagues will not be on the Blair Field all the time. He said that they will be traveling to Bellefonte, State College, Bald Eagle Area, Phillipsburg, Mifflin County, Central and Tyrone.
- Rick said that he has looked at the field and it would not take much to fix it up. He said he has the equipment to work with and has talked to people on donating Dirt, Stone, and seeding.
- Rick said that he has heard that Huntingdon Borough has applied for a grant and once this grant comes in that the field will be given to the High School. Dan Varner said that we have not applied for the grant yet and that the field belongs to Huntingdon Borough and must remain so.
- Dan spoke on a softball league that came to a meeting and they were told that if Huntingdon Borough does receive a grant then they would have to look for another area to play because there would be an agreement made with the High School Baseball Team.
- Rick said that he wants to get the community back involved and that he could fill in the holes, roll it and reseed.
- Dan asked Rick if they could share the field with the Softball league and Rick said yes.
- Dan said that you can't just start working on the field.

Nicole Houck said that we need to get the representatives from each league to come to a meeting next week to discuss this.

Ken Prokop spoke on the Little League and had 4 subjects to discuss with Council.

- WiFi – said they have purchased a security camera, because of break in issues and wanted to know if they could use the WiFi from the Isett Community Swimming Pool. Dan Varner said that the Isett Community Swimming Pool WiFi is coming from the Water Treatment Plant and this could be a Security Issue. Dan asked him if they could purchase a Recording Security System. He said that the Borough has one now and has solved several problems. Ken said that they already purchased this. Robert Jackson asked if they tried Xfinity WiFi Service and Ken said no. Chris Stevens said that if we do receive a grant then we may be able to run WiFi to the City League Field then you could go off of them.
- Grass Cutting – Ken said that he has been mowing the grass since the Little League does use this field and wanted to know if he should continue to cut this. Dan said if the field is going to be used by the High School then they will maintain the field.
- Ken said that he will be having the inmates coming to clean up the field by picking up sticks and wanted to know if they could just pile them up and the borough pick them up. Dan told Ken to let

him know when they will be doing this and the borough will place a dump truck down there for them to throw the brush and limbs into.

- Parking Lot not in good shape. Dan said that the borough will be smoothing it out.
- Parking space painting. Ken said that he has spent a lot of money on painting the parking places but since the parking lot is not in good shape that he wanted to know if the borough could paint this. Dan said that the borough will go down there from time to time to smooth the parking lot out and that the borough will paint the spaces the first time and they can do the touchup after this.

Terry Green left at 6:55 PM.

Chairman Robert Jackson then proceeded to Ed Tos for the Commission's report.

- Have reviewed the Dog Park Rules that was presented and the commission endorses this.
- Gave updates on the Isett Community Pool and the Dog Park.
- The commissions wants to have summertime activities at Portstown Park.

Dan Varner spoke on the splash pad at the Isett Community Swimming Pool. He handed out packet of designs for the project. Dan said that we need to squeeze them to get this done before the season opens.

Dan Varner said that he has spoken to Mel Isett and showed him the designs and he was pleased with this.

Dan Varner said that Mel Isett and he had a discussion on the cost and the Isett Foundation is pleased to announce that the foundation will cover the dollar amount that is needed to complete the project.

Robert Jackson said that we have received the dog park permit and we need to discuss prices on getting fence.

Robert Jackson spoke on the hourly rate for the Assistant Manager and Life Guards. The Assistant Managers will be paid \$12.50 an hour and returning Life Guards will be getting up to \$9.00 an hour.

Robert Jackson said they have approved to pay for the Life Guards and Assistant Manager Swim suits.

Chris Stevens said that the pipes are in and the cement is poured and started to put insulation in the building at the Maintenance Department. He said that the generator and tank are hooked up.

Dan Varner said that Sonny Heine has come to him and has 2 lots in the borough that he wants to give to the borough. Dan said that maybe we could build a rain garden. He said this is forest wetlands and that we would lose the property taxes on the two (2) vacant lots.

Dan Varner said that he has spoken to Brad Hollenbaugh on the Spring Cleanup Days. Brad said for us to pick the dates and let him know. We will need to check to make sure we do not conflict with any events that are already planned.

Dan Varner said that if someone has a load of brush on a truck, that they need to contact the borough office and they will contact someone in Maintenance to go over and unlock the gate.

Meeting adjourned at 7:13 PM.

Minutes submitted by,

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