**Huntingdon Borough Parks, Recreation & Public Property Committee Meeting**

**Thursday, June 4, 2020**

The Huntingdon Borough Parks, Recreation & Public Property Committee meeting was held virtually by Webex Conference and Huntingdon Borough Facebook page.

The Huntingdon Borough Parks, Recreation & Public Property Committee meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM by Chairman David Fortson.

Committee members present were Chairman David Fortson (Borough Council Room), and President Johnathan Hyde (Borough Council Room).

Members present were Councilman James Bair (Borough Council Room), Borough Manager Chris Stevens (Borough Council Room), and Borough Secretary Richard King (Borough Council Room).

Guest present were Shawn Speck (Home on Computer), and Robert Jackson (Home on Computer).

Chairman David Fortson recognized the guest present and called on Shawn Speck for his comments.

Shawn Speck spoke on an independent baseball league using the Huntingdon City League field for their home games.

Shawn Speck said there are 5 teams consisting of Juniata Valley, Mount Union, Mifflin, Hollidaysburg, and Huntingdon.

Shawn Speck said the first game would be on June 20th and the last game is July 23rd. Shawn said that he has already spoken to Butch Woodward about this and he is ok with it.

Shawn Speck said that instead of 16 -19 year olds, they dropped down to allow 15 year olds to play.

Shawn Speck said there will be 3 games a week. He said they will play on Thursdays and have a double header on Saturday.

The Parks, Recreation & Public Property Committee agreed to allow this.

Robert Jackson asked who is covering the insurance on this. Chris Stevens said they carry their own insurance and the borough has a blanket policy.

Robert Jackson spoke on the Parks Commission meeting held on Tuesday. Robert said there was around a dozen people there. Robert said that Nick Miller spoke for the Friends of the Huntingdon Trails on the timber project. Robert said that the people listened to their concerns.

Nick Miller (Home on Computer & Phone) came on at 6:12 PM.

Nick Miller said he has talked to Grant Stewart and he wants to come to the August Committee meeting to discuss a grant program they are looking at.

Nick Miller said that Grant Stewart was going to do a project on the other side of the river but this is not going to happen.

Nick Miller said he would like to see communication between the committee and the borough and the committee wants to work with Huntingdon Borough.

Nick Miller said they want to work on the trails, and doing trail maintenance.

Nick Miller spoke on the grant some saying that this was dealing with landowners adjacent to each other and for a forester to come in and the money can be used for trail maintenance.

Chris Stevens stated that Huntingdon Borough owns this and is part of the Water & Sewer Authority and we need to check with our solicitor.

Nick Miller said that he would like to see others join like Juniata College and other adjacent landowners.

Nick Miller thanked the borough for hearing his concerns.

Johnathan Hyde said that Shawn Speck had just texted him stating that the Juniata Valley field is in bad shape and wondered if they could also use the City League field.

The Parks, Recreation and Public Property Committee agreed to allow this.

Chris Stevens said he received a request from the Huntingdon Bearcat Football Booster Club requesting the use of the parking lot at the Bearcat Football field on Friday, July 31st and Saturday, August 1st to have a Food Truck Fundraiser. Chris Stevens said they will check with the pool to see if they have anything scheduled.

The Parks, Recreation and Public Property Committee agreed to allow this.

Chris Stevens said he received a request from Alissa Runk to use the Instructional League field for their softball game on June 13th. Chris said she talked to Ken Prokop and he was ok with this.

Chris Stevens reported that the Isett Community Pool will be open Saturday, June 6, at 11:00 AM for seniors and then at 12:00 Noon for everyone else.

Chris Stevens said on Friday from 12:00 Noon till 3:00 PM they will be taking applications for the pool.

Chairman David Fortson said he has been getting complaints about grass being high at our parks. Chris Stevens will talk to Travis Gutshall on this.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 PM by Johnathan Hyde.

Minutes submitted by,  
  
  
  
Richard S. King  
Borough Secretary