Huntingdon Borough Parks, Recreation & Public Property Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 5, 2021

The Huntingdon Borough Parks, Recreation & Public Property Committee Meeting was held in the Borough Council Room, 530 Washington Street, Huntingdon, PA 16652.

Members present were Chairman David Fortson, President Johnathan Hyde, Vice-President Sean Steeg, Councilman David Quarry, Councilwomen Dee Dee Brown, Councilman James Bair, Mayor David Wessels, Borough Manager Chris Stevens and Borough Secretary Richard King.

There were no guest present for this meeting.

Chairman David Fortson called the Parks, Recreation & Public Property Committee meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Robert Jackson was not present to give the Parks Commission report due to having a meeting.

Chairman David Fortson called on the Borough Manager’s report.

Chris Stevens gave the Isett Community Swimming Pool report end of year finances.

Chris Stevens said the Maintenance Department has started the stage at Bryan Park.

Councilman James Bair asked if we have had anyone called in to rent a space?

Chris Stevens said no. Chris said there will be a $7.00 per day charge and can stay for 2-weeks then must move out.

Chris Stevens said that Weaver the Florist is taking care of the flowers.

Chris Stevens said that council needs to think about what you want to do with the American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds.

There was a discussion on upgrading the parks, lighting, Amphitheater and fiber optic for internet.

Chairman David Fortson called on the Mayor’s report.

David Wessels said he had a phone call message about a tree down on one of the trails and ruts on another trail that needs taken care of.

Chairman David Fortson called on old business.

Chairman David Fortson said the equipment at Portstown Park needs upgraded.

The committee agreed to let Travis Gutshall take a look at the equipment and see what all needs replaced.

Mayor David Wessels asked if we received any plans on the skate park.

There were no plans submitted.

Chairman David Fortson called on any new business.

Vice-President Sean Steeg mentioned about the charging stations that he would like to see placed in the parking lots and said there was a link (https://www.evgo.com/charging-solutions/business-and-commercial) on the agenda that you could go to look at.

There was a discussion on this and to maybe partner with the visitors bureau.

Borough Manager Chris Stevens said he had done a survey with the company and said there was no upfront cost. Chris said if there was a cost, we could use ARP funds

Vice-President Sean Steeg said we need to talk to businesses in town, County Commissioners, and Mutual Benefit.

Executive Session was not called for.

Chairman David Fortson called on any other business.

It was mentioned to bring up the Isett Pool Finance’s at the borough council meeting and to thank the pool employee’s.

Borough Manager Chris Stevens said they had a great year at the pool and said that last year we gave the manager $2,000.00 to distribute among them and asked if we wanted to do the same this year.

**The Parks, Recreation & Public Property Committee recommends a motion to give the Pool Manager $3,000.00 to distribute among the pool employees thanking them.**

The Parks, Recreation & Public Property Committee meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM.

Minutes submitted by,

Richard S. King
Borough Secretary