The Huntingdon Borough Community Development Committee meeting was held in the Borough Conference Room, 530 Washington Street, Huntingdon, PA 16652.

Members present were President James Bair, Vice-President David Fortson, Councilman Robert Jackson, Councilman David Quarry, Councilwoman Dee Dee Brown, Councilwoman Jennifer Powell, Mayor Thomas Yoder, Chief of Police Charles Streightiff, Code Enforcement Officer James Morris, Borough Manager Chris Stevens and Borough Secretary Richard King.

Guest present were Jennifer Clark, Daniel Varner, Joe Thompson, Becky McGrath, Josh Crownover, James Grissinger, Tim Furlong and Greg Gutshall.

Chairman Robert Jackson called the Community Development Committee meeting to order at 3:30 PM.

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

Becky McGrath, Director of the Huntingdon Community Center was there to discuss the use of CDBG funds to make the Community Center handicap accessible. Becky said there is no handicap access for getting into the building, to the main floor or downstairs where there are parties. Becky said there is space inside to make a ramp or to place an elevator to get downstairs.

Councilwoman Jennifer Powell said this is an historical building and we might want to partner with an architect.

Borough Manager Chris Stevens said this would need to be a multi-year project because of funds and should do an access from outside to inside the building first.

Borough Manager Chris Stevens said we need to do another income survey.

President James Bair ask if anyone has done a study for handicap accessible for the Community Center.

Beck McGrath said she did not know.

Councilwoman Jennifer Powell said we should use the money to do a study and we will then know what steps and fundraising plan we would need.

Councilwoman Dee Dee Brown said that we need to do a cost study first.

Borough Manager Chris Stevens said we can add this to the list of potential projects.

Borough Manager Chris Stevens said we have not made our annual donations to the Community Center for the last 2 years. Chris said he has had a check cut for last year and will do the second check later.

Daniel Varner was there to talk about the Amphitheater.

Daniel Varner handed out drawing on the Amphitheater and went over the history of having this. Dan said this came about with the idea 25 years ago when Portstown Park was built.

**Chief of Police Charles Streightiff and Code Enforcement Officer James Morris arrived at 3:50 PM.**

Daniel Varner then discussed how the grant became available.

**Josh Crownover arrived at 3:52 PM.**

Daniel Varner said we can do this project in phases, by doing phase one of pouring concrete for a pad and putting a roof over it. Dan said we can always add on to this then and handed out packets.

Daniel Varner said that HRI has agreed to help with this project with free services from their surveyor.

Daniel Varner said that we could do the earth moving by doing this in-house.

Daniel Varner said we need to keep good records on this project.

**Greg Gutshall and Linda DeArmitt arrived at 3:55 PM.**

Daniel Varner said that phase 2, we would add a green room, electric and develop the seating where there would be 10 feet of grass, where they can place lawn chairs or blankets.

Daniel Varner said we need to mark this out, move dirt, pour the pad, and get materials to put a roof over it.

Daniel Varner said we need to get the Arts Council or someone to start on having activities.

Daniel Varner then went over the donations received.

**James Grissinger arrived at 4:00 PM.**

Daniel Varner then went over the grants with the committee received.

Daniel Varner said that phase 1 will be the infrastructure.

Daniel Varner said he would like to see the stage 56’ X 36’ stage.

Chairman Robert Jackson called on the Borough Manager’s report.

Chris Stevens said we will need to approve another resolution for the Amphitheater since the state has lost the last one.

Chris Stevens said we have not received anything yet on the traffic lights remaining in town.

Chris Stevens said Solicitor Richard Wilson is still working on the Micro-loan program.

Chris Stevens said there is a business that still owes from the last Micro-loan, and this money belongs to us. Chris said that this business is being sold and wants to know about a legal debt obligation where the new owner makes payments. Chris said if we allow this then the business will stay local.

**Tim Furlong arrived at 4:10 PM.**

Chairman Robert Jackson called on Old Business.

Chairman Robert Jackson said the 2nd CDBG Public hearing will be on September 13, 2022. No time has been set yet.

Chairman Robert Jackson spoke on possible CDBG projects and are listed below:

1. Handicapped accessibility for the Community Center and or American Legion.

Councilwoman Dee Dee Brown wanted to know why the American Legion and not any of the other social organizations.

Borough Manager Chris Stevens said they need to send us something if they want anything that we can spend this money on.

1. Sidewalk Restoration
2. Two clocks for downtown
3. ADA playground equipment for parks
4. Outdoor amenities and or walking path at Westminster Place
5. Shuttle Bus for the Amphitheater and other purposes to pick up and haul older people

Borough Manager Chris Stevens said that there is an extra $60,000 from Covid money that we could put towards ADA Equipment.

Chairman Robert Jackson ask if there was a date and time set to do the Health and Wellness Day?

Councilwoman Jennifer Powell the Community Center can do this anytime that we need to set this up.

Chairman Robert Jackson said the Wine Down Weekend was a great success with good weather. Robert said there are other businesses that were not blocked off that had events and maybe we can put this on something to show where they are.

Chairman Robert Jackson called on New Business.

Chairman Robert Jackson brought up about the 4th Street that was made one-way and there is an apartment building. Robert said there should be parking for these people.

Borough Manager Chris Stevens said this is covered under the Zoning Ordinance.

Executive Session was not called for.

After no further business, the Community Development Committee meeting was adjourned at 4:25 PM.

Minutes submitted by,

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Borough Secretary