Huntingdon Borough Parks, Recreation & Public Property Committee Meeting

Monday, July 10, 2023

The Huntingdon Borough Parks, Recreation & Public Property 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, Councilman Terry Green, Councilwoman Jennifer Powell, Mayor Thomas Yoder, Chief of Police Charles Streightiff, Borough Manager Chris Stevens and Borough Secretary Richard King.

Guest present were Joseph Thompson, Justina Brown, Julie Peoples and Angel Burd.

Chairman David Fortson called the Parks, Recreation & Public Property Committee meeting to order at 5:00 PM

Chairman David Fortson recognized the guest present and ask for their comments.

Julie Peoples was there to talk about the Blair Park. Julie said with the article in the daily newspaper and Facebook, a lot of people have come forward. Julie said they will have a park clean up on Saturday, July 22, 2023 and a band on Thursday, July 27, 2023.

Angel Burd said that she will be organizing a 5K race on September 9th or September 16th, starting at 8:00 AM. Angel said this will be placed on line to register and they will be promoting this event to raise money.

Mayor Thomas Yoder said that Octoberfest will be held on September 30th and maybe combine something with this.

Angel Burd said that she would like to do this as a yearly event. Angel said that we could showcase this with other community events.

Mayor Thomas Yoder said that we could advertise this with Octoberfest and WTAJ.

Chairman David Fortson called on the Park’s Commission report.

Councilman Robert Jackson said they did no hold a meeting this month.

Councilman Robert Jackson said a research group from Juniata College wants to walk the trail for ticks and mark with flags.

Borough Manager Chris Stevens said the flags will be for where they would trap the ticks.

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

Chris Stevens said there was an incident at the Isett Pool, and a copy of this incident is in your packets, where a young child was saved by two lifeguards. Chris said that he would like to do something at the Borough Council meeting.

Mayor Thomas Yoder said that he could do these under the Sharon L Gutshall award.

Chris Stevens reported that Karl Lang, Tax Collector had approached him. Chris said that Karl’s rent is going up and he wanted to know if we had any space for him. Chris said that we have a room for him across from Jim Morris’s office and we could charge him $300.00. Chris said this is handicap accessible and people could place their tax payments in the water and sewer slot when his office is closed.

Chairman David Fortson called on the Mayor’s report.

Thomas Yoder had nothing to report on.

Chairman David Fortson called on old business.

Chairman David Fortson spoke on the Bocce Ball Courts at Portstown Park and said that he would like to see this go.

Borough Manager Chris Stevens said there is money in the park fund, that we could do a pickle ball court. Chris said he could get with Travis and go over and measure out and get a cost for the cement.

Chairman David Fortson spoke on the skate park and said that we did not receive a grant to fix it up. David said we are looking for a law suit and we need to do something. David said that this court is in the middle of nowhere.

Borough Manager Chris Stevens said a good place for the skate park would be over by the dog park.

Councilman Terry Green said there is gas, water and sewer lines there.

Borough Manager Chris Stevens said that Adam Miller is looking for other grants to apply for.

Councilwoman Jennifer Powell said she has talked with 2 companies and said that she is looking for a quote to fix up.

President James Bair said that we could place the Pickleball court back where the skate park is.

Chairman David Fortson said that everything in the skate park needs removed.

Councilwoman Jennifer Powell said that we could have 1 company design a new skate park and give us a cost.

Councilwoman Dee Dee Brown said we could get a design and cost and then go out and seek donations.

Chairman David Fortson asked Chris Stevens if he could check and see who does designs of skate parks.

Chairman David Fortson said the bathrooms at Portstown Park needs cleaned.

Borough Manager Chris Stevens said that he has someone there today cleaning them.

Chairman David Fortson said that if anyone has anything on the parks to let him know.

Councilwoman Jennifer Powell said that we need to look at what grants are available out there.

Chairman David Fortson called on new business.

There was nothing reported under new business.

Executive Session was not called for.

After no further business, the Parks, Recreation & Public Property Committee meeting was adjourned at 5:49 PM.

Minutes submitted by,

Richard S. King
Borough Secretary