Huntingdon Borough Parks, Recreation & Public Property Committee Meeting

Tuesday, August 1, 2023

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

Guest present were Joseph Thompson, Linda DeArmitt and Justina Brown.

Members present were President James Bair, Vice-President David Fortson, Councilman David Quarry, Councilman Robert Jackson, Councilwoman Dee Dee Brown, Councilwoman Jennifer Powell, Mayor Thomas Yoder, Borough Manager Chris Stevens and Borough Secretary Richard King.

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 asked for their comments.

There were no comments made.

Chairman David Fortson called on the Parks Commission report.

Councilman Robert Jackson said the Parks Commission will be meeting next Monday, so he has nothing to report.

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

Chris Stevens said that we will be opening bids for the Amphitheatre Roof Structure at the Borough Council meeting this month at 7:00 PM.

Chris Stevens went over what equipment was purchased at the Isett Pool and said the account still has $89,302 in the checking and $34,763 in reserve.

Chris Stevens said the heater went bad at the pool and we purchased one and Burkey Electric will install this.

Councilwoman Dee Dee Brown asked what was going on down at the pool this weekend.

Chris Stevens said the Community Center had their regional swim team meet there.

Chris Stevens said the guys will be doing the sidewalk out front of the borough building within the next 2 weeks.

Chris Stevens said the County Commissioners have agreed to pay for the heat pump in the borough building.

Councilman Robert Jackson asked how the Splash Pad equipment was holding out.

Chris Stevens said good.

Chris Stevens said the fire company held their pool party at the Isett Pool on Friday.

Chris Stevens said that he will try to squeeze in a pool party for the employee’s sometime.

Chris Stevens said there has been a lot of use in the Blair Field. Chris said the Teener League held their State Tournament there, and there were other leagues that used the field. Chris said that this fall, he would like to fix the building.

Chairman David Fortson called on the Mayor’s report.

Thomas Yoder said that PennDOT has placed the Historical Downtown Huntingdon signs. Thomas said there were 5 signs placed.

Councilman Robert Jackson asked when the size limit sign was going to be placed at the Portstown Park Playground Equipment.

Borough Manager Chris Stevens said that he will get the sign.

Thomas Yoder asked if we got the Beth Williams plaque for the bench yet.

Borough Manager Chris Stevens said he will get this.

Chairman David Fortson called on old business.

Councilman Robert Jackson said the Humane Society will be doing their event at the Dog Park on September 23, 2023 from 12:00 Noon till 2:00 PM. Robert said there will be a food truck and ice cream truck there.

Chairman David Fortson said the Vendors need to go thru the proper procedures.

Chairman David Fortson asked if Juniata College was going to do renovations at the Weaver Park?

Borough Manager Chris Stevens said yes, that they were going to do sidewalks, both banks of Muddy Run and do a bridge.

Chairman David Fortson asked if we should do something with the building, that something needs done.

Chairman David Fortson said he wants to have the Bocce Ball Court removed soon at Portstown Park and a Pickleball court in the area.

Borough Manager Chris Stevens said they have measured the skate park equipment on what is bad, and they will be getting material to replace the bad ones. Chris said there are others are being taken out.

Councilwoman Jennifer Powell asked if the Little Free Library was in.

Borough Manager Chris Stevens said yes.

Mayor Thomas Yoder said there were no books in it.

Chairman David Fortson called on new business.

Councilman Robert Jackson said that he has been in businesses that have the waterless urinals and asked if these would be better in the parks.

Borough Manager Chris Stevens is to check on prices for waterless urinals.

Councilwoman Jennifer Powell said about trying to get some grant money for Weaver Park.

Chairman David Fortson asked Borough Manager Chris Stevens if he could see if we could get some grant money for the parks.

After no further business, the Parks, Recreation & Public Property Committee meeting was adjourned at 5:25 PM.

Minutes submitted by,

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Borough Secretary