Huntingdon Borough Parks, Recreation & Public Property Committee Meeting

Tuesday, September 5, 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 Ken Prokop and Jill Palmer.

Members present were President James Bair, Vice-President David Fortson, Councilman David Quarry, Councilman Robert Jackson, Councilwoman Dee Dee Brown, Councilman Terry Green, Councilwoman Jennifer Powell, Code Enforcement Officer James Morris, Chief of Police Charles Streightiff, Borough Solicitor Richard Wilson, 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.

Ken Prokop said he was with the Little League and said between the Little League field and City League field there are red oak trees that are dead and he would like to take these out.

Borough Manager Chris Stevens said this was on the list to take out and trim the ones that are alive.

Ken Prokop said there is a slab of concrete along the creek that when we get high water it washes out and the concrete is dropping. He said this is close to the fence and a pine tree is leaning and ready to fall.

Jill Palmer said she was there to get an update on the Little Free Library, said she didn’t know it was already installed. Jill said she has funds that she will buy items for this. She said she will get treats for the kids for after school.

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

Councilman Robert Jackson said they did not meet since the first Monday was a holiday and he has no report.

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

Chris Stevens said Monday was the last day for the Isett Community Swimming Pool to open.

Chris Stevens went over the funds in the accounts of the Isett Community Swimming Pool, what was purchased during the season and what needs to be purchased.

Chris Stevens said that next Sunday will be Dog Day at the Isett Community Swimming Pool, then they will close it, drain and cover the pool.

Chris Stevens said that we had given Mary Ann Buckley, $5,000.00 last year, for her and her employees for their work and dedication, and this year the pool had done good .

**The Parks, Recreation & Public Property Committee recommend a motion to give Mary Ann Buckley, $5000.00 again this year to be split among the employees.**

Chairman David Fortson called on old business.

President James Bair said he wants to commend Chris Stevens on the sidewalk out front of the office.

Councilwoman Dee Dee Brown said that she would like to see on the corner of where the Blair Building was a monument with a plaque for J. C. Blair. She said this was a legacy, our history and he made the borough.

Chairman David Fortson asked when the Bocce Ball court was going to be taken out at Portstown Park?

Borough Manager Chris Stevens said here soon.

Chairman David Fortson said that we need to remove the skate park or leave there and repair it.

Borough Manager Chris Stevens said there are 4 items that need refurbished.

Chairman David Fortson said that something needs to be done with the bathrooms. David said when you walk in them you almost drop over from the smell.

Chairman David Fortson said he thought the lights at Portstown Park were to be on from Dusk to Dawn.

Borough Manager Chris Stevens said the bulbs must be out and he will have them look at them.

Chairman David Fortson ask if when the Ice Cream Social was held at the Dog Park, are they going to clean up their messes?

Councilman Robert Jackson said that we need to make sure it is mowed and they will clean up their messes.

Chairman David Fortson mentioned about the Weaver Park building and something needs done.

Borough Manager Chris Stevens said he wants to see if Juniata College get their grant and if they do, then the wall will be fixed.

Chairman David Fortson called on new business

Councilwoman Jennifer Powell spoke on the Free Lunch Program for the kids, that we need to be proactive. Jennifer said the school does not do this. Jennifer said that we need to find some funding or have a sponsor site for this.

It was brought up if the Borough was going to allow archery hunting again on Flag Pole hill.

The committee agreed to allow archery hunting on Flag Pole hill and to issue permits.

Executive Session was not called for.

After no further business, the Parks, Recreation & Public Property Committee meeting was adjourned at 5:42 PM.

Minutes submitted by,

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Borough Secretary