

## COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT – FEBRUARY 10, 2020

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**Members:** Weiler, Chairman, Barr, Martin

**Attendees:** Weiler, Barr, Martin, Rowe, Richards, Reinhold, Thompson, Moore, Withum

The Community Services Committee met on January 27, 2020 and discussed the following:

**Action Items:**

1. The Committee reviewed the 2020 Cultural Arts Grant proposed awards recommended by the Ad Hoc Art Grant Committee. The Committee recommended approval of the following awards for the February Council meeting.

Ephrata Public Library	\$3,050
EPAC	\$1,800
Ephrata Concert Band	\$2,000
Ephrata Cloister Associates	\$800
Historical Society	\$950
Ephrata Rec Center	\$1,200
Eicher Arts Center	\$700

There were some questions from Committee and Council members that needed to be addressed before a recommendation is made. It will be discussed at the Work Session and a recommendation will be made at that time. The Art Grant Committee is also requesting an increase in funding for the 2021 budget. State funding ceased in 2011 and the Borough has been funding \$10,500 ever since.

**Discussion Items:**

1. The Committee reviewed and discussed options received by Nancy Harris, Municipal Services Manager, for the repair of a water feature needed at the Ephrata Community Pool. The recommendation from Nancy Harris and Rec Center staff is that we do not repair the bubblers. There is a new water feature (Toolip) planned for the same area in 2020 that could compensate for the loss. The Committee agrees that the repair should not be made.
2. Councilwoman Linda Martin requested that the Dog Park be placed on next month's agenda. The Ad Hoc Dog Park Committee/Residents want to attend next month's meeting. One of the main topics of discussion will be how to raise funds. Kelly Withum reminded the Committee to make sure the 6<sup>th</sup> grade students that came up with the business as part of a project are involved.
3. Kelly Withum presented that Mainspring is participating in the Music for Everyone Program (MFE). MFE identifies and assesses school and community music needs, raises awareness of music needs and fund necessary resources, and strategically invests resources to address music needs. MFE has awarded over \$1,800,000 in grants and program support, has donated in excess of 7,000 instruments, has donated 136 street pianos, and mentored hundreds of students. The school is going to donate an old piano to the Plaza. It will be placed up against the train station. It will last approximately a year due to weather. MFE will tune and place the donated street pianos. Mainspring is going to spearhead the project and participation. With their participation, funds raised will be available to the EASD through the MFE Grant Program. The funds raised will come back to the school district for new instruments. There

is no cost to the Borough. There is no further action required by the Committee, but it was requested that Kelly keep them informed.