

SPECIAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE REPORT – FEBRUARY 8, 2021

Members: Barr, Chairman; Ressler, Vice Chairman; Zimmerman, Member; Martin, Alternate; Thompson, Staff

Attendees: Barr, Chairman; Ressler, Vice Chairman; Zimmerman, Member; Martin, Alternate; Rowe, Reinhold, Thompson

The Special Projects Committee met on January 25, 2021 and discussed the following:

Action Items:

None

Discussion Items:

1. Borough Manager Thompson reviewed with the Committee a request from the Veterans of Foreign War, whose application was previously approved for four new gateway signs, a waiver of the maximum sign area. Borough council recently amended the maximum area of the signs to 432 square inches. The VFW is requesting a sign area of 720 square inches. The Committee rejected the waiver request and will not make any recommendations to Borough Council. Mr. Thompson will contact the VFW to inform them of the Committee's decision.
2. Mr. Thompson updated the Committee on the status of the discussions with the Ephrata Area School District regarding the Junior Council Program. The school district proposes to offer academic or intern credits to program participants as a way to encourage participation. Mr. Thompson informed the Committee that the success of the Grove City program was predicated on having an elected official as a program advocate. There seemed to be little interest among the elected officials in attendance to be the program advocate but all were in agreement that if the school district offered credits to students that the district would take the lead on implementing the program. Mr. Thompson will discuss with the district. This item will remain open and discussed at the next Committee meeting.

Old Business Items:

1. Borough Manager Thompson reported that the free electric policy guidelines will be suspended until 2021 due to staffing limitations.
2. Mr. Thompson reported that the new customer welcome packets will be included in the 2021 Borough website rebuild.