

## **COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT – FEBRUARY 8, 2021**

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**Members:** Weiler, Chairperson, Martin, Barr, Richard (Alternate)

**Attendees:** Weiler, Martin, Richard, Reinhold, Rowe, Thompson, Summers, Roseberry

The Community Services Committee met on January 25, 2021 and discussed the following:

### **Action Items:**

1. The Committee reviewed the bids received for Bid #21-1 Thomas Grater Memorial Park Improvements. The Committee will recommend that Borough Council award the bid, at their February meeting, to the low bidder T.R. Stoner, General Contractor, Elizabethtown, PA for the amount of \$55,446. A Community Development Block Grant, administered by the Lancaster County Redevelopment Authority, has been secured to fund 50% of the total construction costs, said grant amount not to exceed \$30,000. The Lancaster County Redevelopment Authority has reviewed the bid submissions and has provided their concurrence to award this bid to the apparent low bidder.
2. The Committee agreed to move the following from a Discussion Item to an Action Item. The Committee discussed a request from the EASD to construct dugouts at field 2 at the LHORA to continue making improvements to meet requirements of Title 9 – girls and boys athletics must be equal. The EASD assumes all financial responsibility for construction and agreed to be responsible for all O & M. The Committee will recommend that Borough Council approve the construction of the dugouts, at their February meeting, subject to the execution of a Letter of Agreement with the School District.
3. The Committee agreed to move the following from a Discussion Item to an Action Item. Director of Recreation Summers discussed the current fees charged for park pavilion rentals and recommended an increase for both Borough residents and non-residents. Borough Manager Thompson suggested that pavilion rental become a part of the Schedule of Fees. By doing so, the fee will be reviewed annually. The Committee will recommend, at their February meeting, that Borough Council approve the Resolution to add pavilion rental to the Schedule of Fees.

### **Discussion Items:**

1. Director of Recreation Summers reported on the status of the electric grounding issue at the Ephrata Community Pool. The Contractor (McCarty) informed Summers that they may have to dig into the dirt to make the repairs. The worst case scenario, they may have to dig into some concrete. The Contractor anticipates that the repairs will be completed by Memorial Day. Councilman Richard suggested that when the project is complete, that we look into the total cost and investigate if it is a liability issue. We need to check with the individuals that issued the permit/license and completed the inspection.
2. Recreation Director Summers continued the discussion with the Committee on the many issues regarding the Community Pool that need to be decided on prior to the opening of the 2021 season. Borough Council will need to agree on a philosophy of operating the pool as it

relates to the membership/day pass structure and revenue. Based on the structure agreed upon, will a constable be needed? Councilwoman Martin voiced her concern about going back to the way it was with a constable. She would like to avoid it unless there is no other way. Councilman Reinhold suggested they work toward a Members Only & Members Guests model. He also suggested for the 2021 season to increase the time given to members only. Director of Recreation Summers suggested keeping the rates for 2021 at the rates we were going to use in 2020. The discussion needs to keep moving forward. There are a lot of decisions that need to be made.

Director of Recreation Summers gave an update on the big slide at the pool. The age of the pool makes it difficult to line up new components to the existing framework. The slide needs to come down. There will have to be a bid for a new slide.