

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT – MARCH 8, 2021

Members: Weiler, Chairman; Barr, Vice Chairman; Martin, Member; Richard, Alternate

Attendees: Weiler; Chairman; Barr, Vice Chairman; Martin, Member; Richard, Alternate; Rowe, Reinhold, Thompson, Summers, Withum, Guests (2)

The Community Services Committee met on February 22, 2021, and discussed the following:

Action Items:

1. Rec Center Executive Director Jim Summers addressed the Committee with 2021 proposed rates for the Community Pool. The Committee will recommend that Borough Council adopt the rates at their March 8, 2021, meeting.

Discussion Items:

1. At the February 16, 2021, Public Safety Committee meeting, the Committee discussed the issue of feeding feral cats along the rail trail. As part of the discussion, a citizen suggested that the Borough consider providing cat shelters on Borough property along the trail. Since this involved erecting structures in Borough parks, this item was referred to the Community Services Committee. This item, to provide cat shelters on Borough property along the trail, was discussed by the Committee and the Committee did not support the concept. As a result, the Committee will not be making any recommendations regarding cat shelters along the rail trail. No further action is required by the Committee.
2. Borough Manager Thompson discussed with the Committee Bid #21-3 to furnish and install a fiberglass flume water slide at the Community Pool. Currently no bids for the project have been received. Staff has extended the bid date to February 25th with hope that a reasonable bid can be secured. It was further discussed that the availability of materials has caused delays in the completion for the project and that this project would likely not be completed and ready for the beginning of the pool season. It was decided that the bid should rebid for a fall installation if no satisfactory bids are received by February 25th. No further action is required regarding this item.
3. Mainspring Executive Director Kelly Withum made a presentation to the Committee proposing improvements to the Whistlestop Plaza in order to make it a more inviting place to drive economic development. The proposal includes lowering the knee wall by one course of block to provide better seating, adding flower planters along the side of the former Re-U-Zit building, removing diseased trees, adding color in the form of colored umbrellas and flowers and to purchase colorful tables and chairs. The budget for the proposed improvements is \$15,000. Ms. Withum is requesting approval of the concept as well as requesting a contribution towards the improvements. The Committee will move this item to an Action Item and recommend that Borough Council conditionally approve the proposal subject to receipt of all applicable building permits and that Borough Council contribute \$5,000 toward the project.