

## **COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT – AUGUST 12, 2019**

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**Members:** Linda Martin, Chairperson, Greg Zimmerman, Ricky Ressler

**Attendees:** Linda Martin, Greg Zimmerman, Ricky Ressler, Thomas Reinhold, Sue Rowe, Bob Thompson, Tracy Roseberry, Jim Summers, Kelly Withum, Jeni Rathman, Michelle Nolt, Mike Eichenlaub

The Community Services Committee met on July 22, 2019 and discussed the following:

### **Action Items:**

1. The Committee reviewed a request from the Ephrata Church of the Brethren to use the trail for their annual Crop Walk to End Hunger on Saturday, October 19, 2019 from approximately 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. There was some confusion on the procedure for approval since the inception of the WRRC. It's been determined that any multi-municipal annual event will be grandfathered in for the non-Sunday events. In addition, the "legacy" events will be reviewed and approved by the local municipality(s); however, the WRRC will need to be notified of the event to check for conflicts and to place it on their calendars. The Crop Walk is planned to walk a 5k loop between Fulton Street in Ephrata and Akron. The Committee will recommend that Borough Council approve the request at their August 12, 2019 meeting subject to the receipt of a Certificate of Insurance naming the Borough as an additional insured, approval from Akron Borough, and if required, an Incident Support Plan approved by the Chief of Police.
2. The Committee agreed to move the following from a Discussion Item to an Action Item. The Committee reviewed the proposed design and locations for temporary signage along the trail that was presented by Kelly Withum. She suggested the temporary signage to see if it is effective and beneficial before spending a lot of money on permanent signage. Kelly is planning on surveying trail users and meeting up with bikers in the parking lots. The Committee requested that Kelly write up a summary of the discussion from this meeting and identify the locations for the temporary signage to have at the Work Session on August 5, 2019. Mainspring of Ephrata will also have to submit paperwork for a sign permit. The Committee will recommend that Borough Council conditionally approve the request at their August 12, 2019 meeting.

### **Discussion Items:**

1. Kelly Withum of Mainspring of Ephrata shared information of Shop Small Saturday. It is an annual National promotional for the day after Black Friday. It's a retail event that small communities participate in. This year's event will be bigger and better than last year. There will be signs for the days, balloons, and sidewalk sales. The Codes Office will provide guidance on the rules & regulations. No further action is required by the Committee.
2. There was a discussion about some concerns at the Ephrata Community Pool and a request for additional lounge chairs. Jim Summers reported that there are currently just under 100 chairs. Each chair costs \$130.00. Additional chairs have been in the budget for the last two

years, but due to capital projects going over budget, they have not been able to be purchased. Jim will include an additional 30 – 50 chairs in the 2020 budget. There was also a concern brought up about the safety of the bathroom floors. They are slippery and are a hazard to the patrons. Jim Summers reported that runners were installed and will be replaced every two weeks at a cost of \$250.00 for the remainder of the 2019 season. New epoxy flooring will be in the 2020 capital projects budget. There was also a discussion about the cooler size allowed to be brought in the pool. Current snack bar vendor does not have a problem with food being brought on whereas the past vendor did. A guest brought up that she is a member but will not attend the pool on weekends because of inappropriate clothing, loud music, and there's too many people in the pool. Jim reminded the Committee that the State certified the upper pool for 444 swimmers. There were only 200 swimmers in on Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup>. Other issues discussed were a sign needed entering the slide area, the Divisional swim meet that was held on the hottest weekend of the year, adding members only benefits, hired attendants for the top of the tower to have an extra set of eyes, swimmer limits, possibility of making it an EASD pool only, and Jim shared that there were two incidents at the Denver Pool – both parent issues. These issues are recurring and will be discussed by the Committee during the off season. Jim Summers also distributed attendance and revenue information. He noted that there is an increase in attendance during the week.

3. Kelly Withum of Mainspring of Ephrata gave an update on the Bike Share Program. The shed will be 15 x 10 and will hold twelve bikes and is being planned to be located right off of E. Fulton Street, in a grassy area in front of the parking lot. Kelly is still soliciting for donations. The Committee requested that she layout everything – the final cost, the placement of the shed, all approvals needed, and then bring back to this Committee.
4. Visitor Mike Eichenlaub gave a brief update on the Community Garden Project. There was 167 lbs. of produce given to EASS that came from the garden.