

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT – FEBRUARY 12, 2024

Members: Aronson, Chairman; Barr, Vice Chairman; Musser, Member; Buohl, Alternate; Rineer, Staff

Attendees: Committee: Aronson, Chairman; Barr, Vice Chairman; Musser, Member; Buohl, Alternate
Council: Martin, Council Vice-President; Reinhold, Council President; Zimmerman, Member
Staff: Rineer; Harris, Borough Manager
Guests: None

The Community Services Committee met on January 22, 2024, at 4:30 PM at Ephrata Borough Hall, 124 South State Street.

Approval of Agenda:

Mr. Rineer provided confirmation of the following:

1. The meeting agenda was posted on the Borough’s website and at Borough Hall no later than 24 hours in advance of the time of the meeting.
2. The meeting agenda included a listing of each matter of Borough business that will be or may be the subject of deliberation or official action at the meeting.
3. There were no changes made to the meeting agenda after it was posted.
4. The meeting agenda was made available to individuals in attendance at the meeting.

Committee Chair Aronson asked if there were any requests to add a matter of Borough business to the meeting agenda. Seeing none, Ms. Aronson asked for a motion to accept the meeting agenda as posted. Mr. Barr made a motion and Mr. Musser seconded to approve the meeting agenda as posted. The motion carried unanimously.

Action Items:

1. The Committee reviewed the submission of the proposed 2024 Cultural Arts Grant Awards as determined by the Cultural Arts Grant Committee – Brubaker, Kimmel and Bare. The Committee will recommend that Borough Council approve the 2024 Cultural Arts Grant Awards as listed below:

Ephrata Public Library – Summer Reading Program	\$3,800.00
Ephrata Cloister Associates – Winter Programs.....	\$1,000.00
Historical Society of the Cocalico Valley – Lt. Gen. Ronald R. Blanck Exhibit	\$1,500.00
Ephrata Recreation Center - Summer Camp Programs.....	\$1,300.00
Ephrata Recreation Center - Concerts in the Park	\$1,900.00
Mainspring of Ephrata – Whistle Stop Plaza Murals Repair.....	\$1,000.00

2. The Committee reviewed a memo prepared by Isaac Wakefield, the Borough Solicitor. The memo provided three (3) options for proceeding with the final rail trail extension. The Committee will recommend that Borough Council pursue the first option outlined in the memo for the Warwick to Ephrata Rail Trail.

Discussion Items:

1. The Committee reviewed the Fourth Quarter 2023 Budget Report for activities under their purview. The Committee had questions regarding the Ephrata Community Pool’s 2023 revenue. Ms. Harris advised she

will speak to the Rick Wagner, Director, Ephrata Recreation Center, and obtain additional information which she will provide to the Committee.

2. Ms. Martin mentioned a gazebo located within Lincoln Heights Park commenting, "... it is in a state of disrepair." Ms. Harris advised that the gazebo is slated to be removed by the Parks Department.