

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT – FEBRUARY 13, 2023

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

Attendees: Committee: Barr, Chairman; Martin, Vice Chairman; Ressler, Member;
Council: Reinhold, Council President
Staff: Rineer; Harris, Interim Borough Manager
Guests: Joy Ashley

The Community Services Committee met on January 23, 2023 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 Barr asked if there were any requests to add a matter of Borough business to the meeting agenda. Seeing none, Mr. Barr asked for a motion to accept the meeting agenda as posted Ms. Martin moved and Mr. Ressler seconded to approve the meeting agenda as posted. The motion carried unanimously.

Action Items:

1. The Committee reviewed the 2023 Cultural Arts Grant proposed awards recommended by the Cultural Arts Grant Committee – Brubaker, Kimmel, and Bare. The Cultural Arts Grant Committee recommended the following awards:

Ephrata Public Library	\$3,300
EPAC	\$2,500
Ephrata Cloister Associates	\$700
Historical Society	\$1,000
Ephrata Rec Summer Camps	\$1,000
Ephrata Rec Concerts in the Park	\$1,000
Eicher Arts Center	\$1,000

The Committee will recommend that Borough Council approve the proposed art grant awards at the February Borough Council meeting. The Committee would like to see the criteria for recommending awarding of the Cultural Arts Grant; it will be added as a discussion item for February's meeting.

2. Mainspring of Ephrata and Ephrata Unleashed Dog Park Committee requested that the Borough pay for the corral area of the dog park to be paved in concrete. Mainspring and Ephrata Unleashed provided a proposal from Alpha Dog concrete to pour a 19' – 6'' x 10' – 6'' concrete slab in the corral area. The proposal was \$2,915.00. This would be an unbudgeted expenditure. Mr. Ressler thought paving the corral would require less maintenance and it would make the park more ADA accessible. The Committee will recommend that Borough Council authorize an unbudgeted expenditure of \$2,915.00 to concrete the corral area at the Dog Park at the February Borough Council meeting.

Discussion Items:

1. Mr. Rineer gave an update for the dog park. He stated that Public Works will be installing three (3) dog waste stations and a trash receptacle in the next few weeks. Public Works is currently fabricating the dog park rules and the small dog and large dog signs for the park. The contractor still needs to install a stop sign at the access to Old Mill Road. Public Works will be installing six (6) benches at the dog park in the spring. A neighboring property owner has emailed on three (3) occasions with concerns of dogs jumping over the fence, their property value being decreased by the dog park and unvaccinated dogs spreading disease. The gates are currently locked for the dog park. Once the dog waste stations, trash receptacle, and dog park signage are installed, the locks will be removed.

Old Business Items:

1. None