

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT – APRIL 12, 2021

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

Attendees: Weiler, Chairman; Barr, Vice Chairman; Martin, Member (via Zoom); Richard, Alternate; Rowe, Reinhold, Ressler, Summers, Burkholder, Thompson, Roseberry

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

Action Items:

1. The Committee reviewed the 2021 Cultural Arts Grant proposed awards recommended by the Ad Hoc Art Grant Committee – Brubaker, Kimmel, and Bare. The Committee recommended the following awards for the April Council meeting.

Ephrata Public Library	\$3,000
EPAC	\$1,800
Ephrata Concert Band	\$2,000
Ephrata Cloister Associates	\$800
Historical Society	\$1,000
Ephrata Rec Center	\$1,200
Eicher Arts Center	\$700

There were questions and comments from Committee and Council members that will need to be addressed at a later date. Some of those questions and comments were; *who chooses the members of the Ad Hoc Committee, how is the award recommendation decided, Council should have some say on who serves on the Committee and how the funds are distributed, when a vacancy arises, should Council appoint the member?* President Rowe referenced the PA Consolidated Statutes, Title 8, Boroughs and Incorporated Towns, Chapter 12, Section 1202 (52) to confirm that the art grant applicants meet the criteria of the Statutes. Solicitor McManus is going to be requested to review the Statutes to verify compliance, and to have it done prior to Work Session. The Committee will conditionally recommend that Borough Council approve the proposed art grant awards contingent on Solicitor McManus's findings.

Discussion Items:

1. Rec Center Executive Director Summers updated the Committee on the status of the electric grounding issue at the Ephrata Community Pool. McCarty is estimating the total cost of the repair to be between the \$5,000 - \$6000 ranges and will be repaired for the pool season. McCarty reported that unless they really have to go down deep for the repair, there is really no way to tell if the issue is part of the original construction. The Committee requested that if McCarty does have to go deep, to make an assessment and give his professional opinion whether it's just "wear & tear" or part of the original construction. Summers stated that up until this year, it passed inspection. Councilman Richard commented that something changed or it was never done correctly. No further action is required regarding this item.
2. David Burkholder reported on the status of the fiberglass flume water slide. Burkholder met with D.G. March & Associates about the slide. March recommended that we repair and maintain the existing slide and conducting more aggressive maintenance on it going forward. March reported that there is nothing wrong with the existing structure. The rust is superficial and can be removed, primed, and painted. There are also eleven (11) bands that need to be replaced, and should not rust. March stated that these slides should last 20 – 30 years, and

the pool has only had the existing one for 10 years. Burkholder is waiting for a proposal from Wenrich Painting to repair the rust, prime, and paint. The replacement of the slide was budgeted at \$101,000. There will be a significant savings by doing the repair. No further action is required regarding this item.

3. Councilman Reinhold reported of complaints about trash being left behind at the ballfield facilities that are being rented. Summers will talk to the promoter of the tournaments.