

## COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT – APRIL 10, 2023

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

**Attendees:** Committee: Barr, Chairman; Martin, Vice Chairman; Ressler, Member; Zimmerman, Alternate  
Council: Reinhold, Council President  
Staff: Rineer; Harris, Borough Manager  
Guests: Joy Ashley, Melissa Zook

The Community Services Committee met on March 27, 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. None

### **Discussion Items:**

1. Melissa Zook discussed using the Haller property as a nature education facility for youth. Ms. Zook advised the plan is still in the early states of development; however, she wanted to receive the Committee's opinion as to whether or not they would be in favor of the proposed plan. Ms. Zook provided the Committee with an overview of the project's long-term goals, as well as the project's immediate goals which include the cleaning up of the wooded area to establish nature trails. Ms. Zook advised this would also include developing and posting signage to notify the public of the new trails. After a brief discussion, the Committee advised that they feel the proposed project is what Ms. Haller envisioned when she donated the property to the Borough. This matter is to be discussed further at the Community Services Committee's April meeting.
2. Concerts by the Creek: Staff provide an overview of the bands that are scheduled to play for this year's series are: June 27 - Uncle Jake & The 18 Wheel Gang; July 11 - Shea Quinn's the Band that Sold the World, and August 15 - The Big Takeover Band.

### **Old Business Items:**

1. Ms. Martin advised she wished to again discuss the possibility of establishing a tree bank to grow Christmas trees to be used at the annual tree lighting event. Ms. Harris suggested planting trees near the solar farm site on land located in the floodplain area. The Committee was in favor of pursuing that location for a tree bank.