

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT – MAY 10, 2021

Members: Weiler, Chairperson, Martin, Barr, Richard (Alternate)

Attendees: Weiler, Martin, Barr, Richard, Reinhold, Rowe, Thompson, Summers, Roseberry, Kimmel, Beres

The Community Services Committee met on April 26, 2021 and discussed the following:

Action Items:

1. The Committee reviewed the proposal submitted by Hanover Engineering to prepare two grants that will assist with the costs of the design and construction for the remaining section of the Rail Trail. The section of the right-of-way from West Chestnut Street to the northern Borough line adjacent to the Autumn Hills Development is still not completed. The estimated cost of Hanover Engineering's services is between \$5,000.00 to \$7,000.00. The Multimodal Grant has a 30% match and the Greenways Trails and Recreation Grant has a 15% match. The fee for the grant preparation will be paid out of the Capital Project that has been budgeted. The estimated cost for design and construction of the remaining section of trail is \$535,000.00. The Committee will recommend at their May meeting that Borough Council approve the execution of the proposal with Hanover Engineering, not to exceed \$7,000.00 and subject to the proposal being in a form acceptable to the Solicitor.

Discussion Items:

1. Director of Recreation Summers reported that the electric work for the grounding issue at the Ephrata Community Pool is complete and has passed inspection. The Contractor (McCarty) informed Summers that he could not make a determination on the cause of the issue, so there is no way to know if it's a liability issue. Summers also reported that the parts are in for the repair of the slide, the bathroom non-slip floors will be done in the next couple of weeks, and there will be a new Tulip water feature this year. Membership sales are slow but are expected to pick up. The last day for pre-season costs is May 21, 2021. Summers reported that 60% of membership sales are done the last week of pre-season sales. The members only hours will remain the same as in 2019. The Fourth of July, the entire day, was added for members only.
2. The Committee reviewed the first quarter of the 2021 budget. Borough Manager Thompson explained that the first quarter is a little soon for projects to be completed. He expects the second and third quarters to show more activity. There were no questions. No further action is needed.

Miscellaneous:

1. Staff Secretary Roseberry gave an update on the dog park. The Haller Property has been surveyed. The next step is to design the infrastructure of the park, decide where to put the driveway, the parking lot design and layout, stormwater management plan, and a fencing location and buffering for the existing homes. The process will be initiated by the next meeting.