

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT – JULY 10, 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, Borough Manager
Guests: Tom Hayden; Melissa Zook; Kim Stonebreaker

The Community Services Committee met on June 26 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. Tom Hayden, President of FoodStock, a small non-profit located in Lancaster County, is requesting to use Grater Park to host a fundraising event on June 9, 2024. Mr. Hayden gave a brief overview of what the event would entail. The Committee suggested having additional portable restrooms to supplement the facilities at the park. The Committee was in favor of moving the request forward to Council for a vote contingent on Development Activities Committee allowing alcohol at the event, having 4 additional portable restrooms available for the event and a certificate of insurance naming the Borough additionally insured. **NOTE: This item has been tabled upon Development Activities Committee's review of the request.**

Discussion Items:

1. Melissa Zook gave an update on her efforts to convert the Haller property into an environmental-based day care. She is currently waiting to work with a grant writer to do a feasibility study. Ms. Zook would like to know what she can do to keep the project moving forward. Ms. Martin told her to get some of her plans together for the nature trails on the property to bring to the Committee for a vote.
2. An update was given for a potential tree bank for Christmas trees along with other species of trees on a piece of land owned by Ephrata Borough Authority in Ephrata Township. The Shade Tree Commission is working on plans for the tree bank.

3. A discussion was held on potential pickle ball court locations. The Committee was not in favor of completely converting tennis courts into pickle ball courts since some residents may still use the courts to play tennis. It was recommended to possibly line the courts for pickle ball use while remaining a tennis court. This item will be considered for a Capital Project in the future.

Old Business Items:

1. None

Miscellaneous Items:

1. None