

## COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT – AUGUST 14, 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: None  
Staff: Rineer; Harris  
Guests: Nancy Aronson, Melissa Zook

The Community Services Committee met on July 24, 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. Melissa Zook is requesting to create walking trails in the wooded area on the Haller Homestead property. She would also like to clean up existing flower beds and possibly create more flower beds. Volunteers would do all of the improvements. The Committee will recommend that Borough Council grant the request subject to advice from the Borough Solicitor for the liability of the Borough.
2. The Committee reviewed a License Agreement to use land owned by Ephrata Borough Authority for a tree bank to be maintained by the Borough's Shade Tree Commission. The tree bank would be used to grow trees for the downtown tree lighting ceremony as well as trees to replace dead or dying trees owned by the Borough. The Committee will recommend that Borough Council enter into the License Agreement with Ephrata Borough Authority to create a tree bank at Trout Run Road, Lot 2 B-A

### **Discussion Items:**

1. The Committee discussed the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Budget Report under their purview. There were no concerns.
2. There was a discussion about securing the steps at the amphitheater at Grater Park. Items have been left unattended there. The Committee would like to consult the Borough Solicitor on what can be done with the items rather than securing the steps and having the items stored elsewhere in the Park.