

SPECIAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE REPORT – SEPTEMBER 13, 2021

Members: Barr, Chairman; Zimmerman, Vice Chairman; Dudley, Member; Martin, Alternate; Thompson, Staff

Attendees: Barr, Chairman; Zimmerman, Vice Chairman; Dudley, Member; Martin, Alternate, Rowe, Reinhold, Ressler, Thompson, McManus, Guest (3)

The Special Projects Committee met on August 16, 2021 and discussed the following:

Action Items:

None

Discussion Items:

1. As a result of the Governor's termination of the Declaration of Emergency, as a matter of law, the ACT 15 provisions for public participation via remote electronic devices terminated. Therefore the Borough's obligations revert back to those in the Borough code. At the July Committee meeting, the Committee determined that they would like to eliminate remote participation at public meetings in lieu of live streaming of the meetings. The Committee reviewed the City of Lancaster's Video Policies and Procedures dated May 2019. The Committee will discuss this item further at their September 20 Committee meeting.
2. Borough Manager Thompson reviewed with the Committee the proposed changes to Chapter 297 Trees and Chapter 165, Electricity (as it relates to tree trimming around wires) of the Code of the Borough of Ephrata. Former Shade Tree Commission Chair Chandra Mast was in attendance and was asked by the Committee if she reviewed the proposed ordinance. Ms. Mast responded that she previously reviewed the ordinance in 2016-2017; however, she is not sure if she has seen the document currently before the Committee. The Committee requested Mr. Thompson to send the proposed ordinance to Ms. Mast for her comments. President Rowe provided comments from her review of the proposed ordinance. The Committee requested additional time to review the ordinance. The proposed ordinance will be reviewed with the Committee at their September 20 Committee meeting.

Old Business Items:

None