

## COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT – OCTOBER 11, 2021

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

**Attendees:** Ressler, Chairman; Barr, Vice Chairman (arrived at 4:46); Martin, Member; Dudley, Alternate; Rowe, President; Reinhold, Vice President; Rineer, Staff; Thompson, Staff; 4 Guests (Caruthers, Beres, Pierce, Summers)

Committee Chair Ressler called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM. It was moved by Mrs. Martin, seconded by Mr. Dudley, and unanimously passed that Community Services Committee approve their September 27, 2021 agenda.

The Community Services Committee met on September 27, 2021, and discussed the following:

### Action Items:

1. Mainspring of Ephrata requested to use the WERT and Winters Memorial to place luminaries on November 11<sup>th</sup> for Veterans Day. The Luminary tribute will begin at 5 PM and conclude at 8 PM, with setup and cleanup of the luminary trail being done by community volunteers and members of local Boy Scout troops. The Committee will recommend that Borough Council approve the request at their October meeting subject to receipt of a certificate of insurance naming the Borough as an additional insured.
2. Cocalico Valley VFW Auxiliary requested to use the Borough Hall parking lot on October 27<sup>th</sup> to host a Trunk or Treat event. The event would take place immediately after the Jack Frost parade, and would consist of 6-8 members from the VFW handing out candy to children from the trunk/hatch of their vehicle which would be decorated for Halloween. The event would last no longer than an hour. The Committee will recommend that Borough Council approve the request at their October meeting subject to receipt of a certificate of insurance naming the Borough as an additional insured.

### Discussion Items:

1. Jim Summers gave an overview on staffing shortages at the community pool. He reported that the pool was never fully closed for anything other than weather-related events before school began. He stated that sometimes they would have to close the lower pool due to staffing shortages. He said that the pool's budget may need to be adjusted to make the pool more competitive compared to other jobs available. This would include increasing wages and paying for certifications which were not budgeted for.
2. Councilwomen Martin discussed the possibility of starting a program to raise Christmas trees for the tree lighting ceremony downtown. She stated that it is becoming increasingly more difficult to find trees in the Borough. The Committee had interest in the prospect of a Christmas tree program, but would like more information, such as cost, location and maintenance issues.

### Old Business Items:

1. An update was given on the dog park. Hanover Engineering is still working on the site plan, parking area and stormwater facilities.