

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT – NOVEMBER 13, 2023

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

Attendees: Committee: Barr, Chairman; Martin, Vice Chairman; Ressler, Member; Zimmerman, Alternate
Council: Reinhold, President
Staff: Rineer; Harris, Borough Manager
Guests: Stacey Coldiron

The Community Services Committee met on October 23, 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 requests to add anything as a matter of Borough business to the meeting agenda. Seeing none, Mr. Barr asked for a motion to accept the meeting agenda. Ms. Martin moved and Mr. Ressler seconded to approve the meeting agenda as posted. The motion carried unanimously.

Action Items:

1. Stacey Coldiron, Ephrata Church of the Brethren, requested use of the Whistle Stop Plaza on Christmas Eve – Sunday, December 24, 2023 - to hold an outdoor church service beginning at 5:00 PM and ending at approximately 6:00 PM. The church is requesting use of the Plaza's electrical service to amplify their instruments and microphone. The Committee will recommend that Borough Council grant the request to hold the event subject to receiving a Certificate of Insurance naming the Borough as additional insured.

Discussion Items:

1. The Committee discussed the 3rd Quarter 2023 Budget Report. The Committee inquired about the use of Capital Reserve funds for Ash tree removal in the parks. Ms. Harris advised the money was drawn from a different account because the Ash trees were not distinguishable from other trees that were also removed. Ms. Harris further advised the parties involved were told how to proceed with the coding of tree removal. In response to an inquiry regarding Ephrata Community Pool receipts, Ms. Harris advised she will look into whether another payment from the pool will be coming in.
2. The Committee discussed Concerts by the Creek. Ms. Martin advised that Chris Lausch previously helped the Library book the bands for Concerts by the Creek. Ms. Martin stated she would like to reach out to Mr. Lausch about helping with the bands and event organization. The Committee was in favor of asking Mr. Lausch to help book the bands for the event.