

# Grants Committee

## Minutes of Meeting 12/1/17

The Grants Committee convened at 10:00am, as previously scheduled, at The Municipal Building, 237 Seventh St, West Easton, PA.

Present were Chairman Matthew Dees and committee member Dan DePaul. Committee member Thomas Nodoline was absent. Ms. Mary Himmelberger from Barry Isset & Associates attended.

### Business Discussed:

Mr. Dees, having previously contacted Ms. Himmelberger about the possibility of grants for Recreation and Open Spaces that might apply to the War Memorial property and old railroad trestles in the borough, opened the meeting for her findings and opinion.

Ms. Himmelberger suggested that the wanted projects were major undertakings by the borough and suggested prioritizing the projects.

The Grant Committee felt that the trestle situation should take priority for safety concerns as the trestles receive no maintenance and will have to be addressed at some point in the future to repair, or remove at great cost to the borough. Improvement of the War Memorial area would be secondary, as such improvements would be for aesthetics purposes.

Ms. Himmelberger reviewed the hoped-for plan by the Committee for the trestle over Avona Ave. and the trestle over Keystone Ave. The plan would repair and re-adapt their use as part of a walking trail through the borough. She also reviewed the hoped-for plan of creating a passive, ornamental fence-enclosed park for the War Memorial property.

Ms. Himmelberger would notify the Committee of possibilities for funding at a future date. She would also reach out to Mr. Bryan Cope, Northampton County Open Space Coordinator, to investigate possible D&L Trails working with the borough, regarding the trestles.

**The meeting adjourned at 11:45am.**