

Grants Committee Meeting

Minutes of July 13, 2017

The Grants Committee Meeting convened at 6:30 PM in Council Chambers, located in Borough Hall, 237 7th St., West Easton.

In attendance was Chairperson Matthew Dees, Committee member Dan DePaul, and Committee member Henry Nodoline. No residents were in attendance.

Business Discussed:

1. Having reviewed a letter sent from Mr. Frank Brooks of The Northampton County CDBG Program, in that the initial perception of the letter was an additional \$20,000 of grant money would be available to West Easton, it was determined the letter referenced a change to a previous grant already applied for.

The original grant applied for was \$40,000 from CDBG to add sidewalks along Gross Park. The letter from Mr. Brooks was sent to West Easton only to indicate that two sources of \$20,000 each would be used in seeking the \$40,000 total, rather than a single application. There is no "additional" \$20,000.

2. Additional business discussed was that involving money remaining in grant recently discovered and already discussed at previous Council meetings. This grant is being used to recoup money spent in previous years on parks and open space expenses that qualify and has, by the Grant Committee estimate, approximately \$9000 of money remaining that would require a 50% match of borough funds.

At the Council Meeting of 7/10/17 the Recreation Committee did not offer any possible use of remaining monies from this grant as previously requested by the Grant Committee, so Grant Committee members discussed possible uses for the remaining funds.

Possible uses discussed were replacing lights at the basketball court with LED's, resealing the basketball court, a large gazebo at the park for resident relaxation and borough events, purchasing a non-denominational winter holiday season tree of the Blue Spruce variety to replace the long dead, non-existent, and now politically incorrect named "Christmas" tree that once stood near Avona and Keystone Avenues, or adding a fenced section for parents with "toddlers" to have a safe-play area away from larger children.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:45