

CDBG PUBLIC HEARING
Borough of Edinboro
June 24, 2019

Welcome to the Public Hearing:

Mayor Gast opened the public hearing at 6:16 PM. Council members present were Pat Davis, Jim Kiley, Nathan Latimer, Aaron Gast, and Mary Ann Horne. Absent were Fred Langill and Alyssa Dobson. Also present were Solicitor Tim Wachter, Manager Kevin Opple, Finance Director Jason Spangenberg, Joe Berdis of Erie County Planning, Alex Topor, Curtis Hals, Mary Schenck, and Debbie McElroy. Mayor Gast turned the meeting over to Joe Berdis.

Discussion:

This public hearing is intended for the purpose of discussing the Borough's proposal to modify its FY 2018 program, and to provide for public comment regarding the same.

The Borough received \$111,928 in FY 2018 CDBG funds and previously allocated the monies as follows:

- \$11,200 for administration
- \$46,046 for the Stonehaven Park Recreation Project; and
- \$54,682 for the multi-year funded Darrow Road Reconstruction Project

In addition to the FY 2018 monies, FY 2017 funds in the amount of \$100,728 was previously set aside for the project bringing the total amount of CDBG funds for Darrow Road to \$146,360. Bids were opened on June 4 for Darrow Road with the low bid of \$210,182.96 being submitted by Joseph McCormick Construction Company. With a total \$146,360 in CDBG funds for the project, there is a shortfall of \$63,822.96.

To help make up this shortfall the Borough is proposing to delete the FY 2018 funded Stonehaven Park Recreation Project and transfer the funds to Darrow Road, thereby providing a total CDBG commitment of \$192,406. The remaining shortfall of \$17,776.96 will be paid with local monies.

Mr. Berdis noted that the Stonehaven Park project would not be eligible for 2019 CDBG funding due to a change in the demographics of the area. Manager Opple said that the park could still be done this year with CDBG monies, but there would then be that much more for the Darrow Road project that would have to be paid from the Liquid Fuels fund.

Curtis Hals asked about the details of the Darrow Road project, and Manager Opple explained that it would be full-depth reclamation and paving of the road from Brora to Perry and milling and paving from Heather to Brora.

Mr. Berdis explained that a basketball court and fencing was planned for the Stonehaven

Park. Mary Ann Horne asked if other grant options were available for funding the park project. Manager Oppe said that there are potentially matching grants available from other sources. He said that he thinks that this proposed modification should move forward as discussed, and then other sources of funding for the park can be evaluated.

Manager Oppe and Mr. Berdis briefly discussed the logistics of the CDBG funding and payment schedules and the impact on project timelines, as well as the data that determines whether or not an area is eligible for CDBG projects.

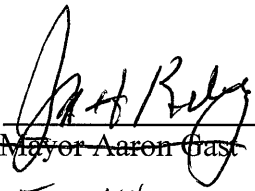
Adjournment:

Mary Ann Horne moved for adjournment, and the public hearing was adjourned at 6:36 PM.

ATTEST:



Manager Kevin Oppe



~~Mayor Aaron Gast~~
Jim Kiley, Deputy Mayor