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SELINGSGROVE COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS DURING COVID-19

SELINGSGROVE -- On Monday, August 3rd, Selinsgrove Borough Council unanimously voted to pass a Resolution which will temporarily suspend the Borough's Open Container Ordinance for 60 days in the Central Business District. The Resolution includes an option for it to be extended, if needed, by the Mayor in cooperation with the Chief of Police. The Resolution was passed in an effort to further support downtown businesses impacted by Covid-19. All other state laws still apply, and businesses will still need to adhere to their specific PLCB license requirements.

This motion of Council was in addition to several other motions made at the meeting to support businesses operating during the current pandemic, and to encourage citizens and visitors to continue enjoying the Selinsgrove community while being socially distanced.

Additional approvals include:

- The closure of the alley, at the intersection of West Pine Street, located between the Commons and the Borough Library building, which will have tables and chairs available for use by citizens.
- A porta john will be purchased and available for community use through the remainder of the Summer Music Concert series and the Farmer's Market season. It will be located behind FNB Bank, across from the Commons, and cleaned regularly.
- "Pick-up To-Go" parking spaces will be added to Market Street to offer businesses and customers easy 15-minute parking access to promote additional curbside and takeout options.

These downtown approvals are in addition to other upgrades already happening around the Borough in numerous parks and recreational spaces. Borough Council previously approved funds from the Rudy Gelnett Trust Fund to be used for additional outdoor seating options such as benches, picnic tables, and tables and chairs around town for public use. Installation of dog waste stations, park equipment improvements, and other upgrades in high-use recreational spaces have also been ordered and will be installed within the next few weeks for community use.

Selinsgrove Borough is looking forward to hearing from residents and businesses with any ideas or suggestions for how to get through this difficult time together. If your business is interested in "hosting" a table and chairs for community use or would like more information on a "Pick-up To-go" parking space, please contact Borough Manager, Lauren Martz at (570) 374-2311 or lmartz@selinsgrove.org.