

JULY 9, 2020

PENN LAKE PARK BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

The Penn Lake Park Borough July Council meeting was held via the conferencing app, Gotomeeting. Council President Paul Rogan called the meeting to order at 7:21 and later stated that the meeting is being recorded.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Debra Krysicki, Council President Paul Rogan, Council members Shaun Kuter, Jill Rosenstock, David Longmore, and John Burden responded.

MINUTES:

Minutes from the June Monthly Council Meeting were distributed to council via email. The copies will be recorded as the official minutes and will be posted on the borough's website. A **Motion** to accept the June Council minutes was made by Kuter, 2nd by Rosenstock.

Roll Call: Rogan, Longmore, Rosenstock, Kuter, and Burden all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT:

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Teresa Wojciechowski, Treasurer. A **Motion** was made by Rogan, 2nd by Kuter to accept the amended Treasurer's Report.

Roll Call: Rogan, Longmore, Rosenstock, Kuter, and Burden all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

RECEIPTS/BILLS:

A **Motion** was made by Kuter, 2nd by Rosenstock to pay the bills of \$19,113.67 and to accept the receipts of \$30,602.83.

Roll Call: Rogan, Longmore, Rosenstock, Kuter, and Burden all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

PETITIONS OR COMPLAINTS:

- Patty Wisemiller complained that high grass and weeds are attracting skunks and other pests at the adjacent property. The Borough Zoning Officer sent a notice to the property owner.
- The Borough received complaints that bulk items were not picked up by County Waste on the first Monday of the month. County Waste was contacted and a pick up was arranged. The Borough was assured that in the future, bulk item pick up will occur on the scheduled day.
- The Borough received complaints concerning damage on Lakeview Drive as a result of a cement truck pouring the foundation of a new home construction. The owners of the property are held responsible for the damage and will be billed when repairs are made.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- The Borough received a draft of the Penn Lake Dam Marketing Plan. The plan calls for yard signs, posters, flyers, as well as posts and videos on the Borough's website to alert the residents of the gravity of the Dam situation. The plan

provides information, repairs deemed necessary by DEP, funding options, and a timeline.

- The Borough has been contacted through the website from several residents regarding zoning questions. The residents were directed to the appropriate tabs on the website for the information. All inquiries were satisfied.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

MAYOR – Debra Krysicki– No Report.

POLICE – Mayor Krysicki stated the Borough received 27.25 hours of service for June. Four hours and forty-eight minutes of service was for several incidences including identity theft, a motor vehicle accident, water rescue, domestic dispute, a traffic citation, stolen boat, and disorderly conduct.

SOLICITOR – Jack Dean – Will draft a ballot question for the November Election.

ZONING – No Report

ENGINEERING – Rogan – Nothing

DAM- Rogan – Will be addressed in Unfinished Business.

RECREATION– Kuter – Rosenstock spoke with Totino and is hoping for August bidding and work to begin in September/October. Rosenstock thanked Mayor Krysicki for her assistance in spraying disinfectant in the recreation area.

LAKE MANAGEMENT - Rosenstock – Reported water testing results are excellent. Rosenstock also stated that beach traffic has lessened with the use of wristbands. The Game Commission banded the geese a few weeks ago.

GOOSE ABATEMENT – Kuter – A few geese are still present.

RTK/RECORDS –Burden – 1 RTK was completed but a concurrence is needed from the requestor.

ROADS –Longmore –25mph signs were ordered but out of stock. Information is needed for speed lines. Longmore may be able to borrow a machine to paint the lines. The speed limit will be lowered on Hollenback Road by the end of July. Rogan is working on the necessary steps to have pavement repairs paid through Liquid Fuels money.

SEWER –Rogan – The Borough has 2 pumps remaining. Sites Specific can give similar pricing on 6 pumps with a 3 % increase. A **Motion** was made by Rogan, 2nd by Kuter to purchase 6 pumps from Sites Specific not to exceed \$13,000.00 on the condition that Sites Specific is a CoStar dealer.

Roll Call: Rogan, Longmore, Rosenstock, Kuter, and Burden all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Road Repairs / Paving / Pothole Patching – Paving and Road repairs are being scheduled. The cost of the dumpster to clear storm damage amounted to \$550.00 and was charged to Rogan’s credit card. A **Motion** was made by Rogan, 2nd by Kuter to increase the cost of the dumpster to \$550.00 and to reimburse Rogan for the cost of the dumpster. Roll Call: Longmore, Rosenstock, Kuter, and Burden all in favor, Rogan abstained, none opposed.

Motion carried.

Spraying – Nature Works Lake and Pond Management will treat the lake for bladder wort later this month. Residents will be advised to stay out of the water for 24 hours and refrain from drinking lake water for 3 days. A **Motion** was made by Rosenstock, 2nd by

Longmore to have Nature Works treat the lake for bladder wort at a cost not to exceed \$3,700.00.

Roll Call: Rogan, Longmore, Rosenstock, Kuter, and Burden all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

DCNR and ADA Grants - The projects are slowly progressing: the projects were submitted, mapping was done, and design will be completed by the beginning of August. Bidding will commence afterwards. A check for \$25,000.00 was received from DCNR from the grant and will be deposited in one of the accounts.

Gaming Grant 2020 - Nothing to Report.

Boats at the Beach/Dam – There isn't any good place to store boats at the pagoda. Carter Beach has a few boats already stored. It may be possible to store boats at left side of pagoda where storm damage was cleared. The ADA grant will provide a ramp in the area.

Electronic Recycling Event – The August 15th date is set. The cost of the mail out will be approximately \$300.00. Longmore will get the information to Seth Isenberg.

Covid 19 – Nothing new to report. The Borough Council Meeting for August will continue through the conferencing app, GoToMeeting. Luzerne County stated that meetings can return to a physical format in September.

Borough Credit Card – An account has been set up.

Dam – There have been meetings of the dam advisory group and engineer to discuss approaches. Borton Lawson will produce a report for DEP by the end of July. A meeting of the advisory group was held earlier with Paul Swagger, a dam expert and the primary presenter. The following options and risks were presented in a low to high expense format: Option 1 – Decommission dam and drain the lake. Option 2: Enlarge spillway, modify downstream embankments, and adjust the conduit at about a 2.7 million dollar construction cost including permits, engineering and design costs. Option 3: Construction of a concrete armoring embankment on dam which is not feasible. Option 4: Total replacement of the dam and spillway at a cost of 8-10 million dollars. An August meeting with DEP is planned, the advisory group will continue to put out information for residents, and Attorney Dean will prepare a question for the November ballot concerning a tax increase to fund dam repairs.

Garbage Bills – Five Veteran Tax Exempt residents will be paper billed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Short Term Rental- Ordinance needs additional revisions.

PUBLIC COMMENT- Jasin Marth requests Council to check whether a line item for dam repairs can be included on the County and Municipal Property Tax Bills. Attorney Dean responded that a special assessment for this type of project cannot be included on a tax bill.

A **Motion** to adjourn was made by Rogan, 2nd by Burden.

Roll Call: Rogan, Longmore, Rosenstock, Kuter, and Burden all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm.

The next meeting will be held on August 13th, at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Burden, Secretary