

OCTOBER 10, 2024

## PENN LAKE PARK BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

The Penn Lake Park Borough October Council meeting was held at the Penn Lake Park Community House. Council President Paul Rogan called the meeting to order at approximately 7:20 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag followed by a statement that the meeting is being recorded.

**ROLL CALL:** Mayor Tom Carter, Council President Paul Rogan, Council Members: Susan George, John Burden, Dan Eustice and Corey Beltz were present.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

### **MINUTES:**

Minutes from the September Council Meeting were distributed to council members via email and posted on the Penn Lake Park Borough website. The copies will be recorded as the official minutes. A **Motion** to accept the September Council Meeting Minutes was made by Beltz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by George. Roll Call: Beltz, George, Eustice, Burden, and Rogan, all in favor, none opposed. Motion Carried.

### **TREASURERS REPORT:**

The Treasurer's Report was presented. A **Motion** was made by Eustice, 2<sup>nd</sup> by George to accept the Treasurer's Report. Roll Call: Eustice, George, Burden, Beltz, and Rogan, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

### **RECEIPTS/BILLS:**

A **Motion** was made by Rogan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Burden to pay the bills of \$54,069.88 and to accept the receipts of \$35,772.48. Roll Call: Rogan, Burden, George, Beltz, and Eustice, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

**PETITIONS OR COMPLAINTS:** Mary Grace Fino had a complaint concerning a renter at one of the Borough's Short-Term Rentals. Fino was walking by the rental with her dog when a woman exited the rental with a dog that she was having difficulty controlling. Mary Grace crossed the street to put distance between them when the renter made a comment to her. Fino did not understand and asked the woman to repeat what she had said several times. Finally, the woman yelled "Walk on" and directed a vulgar comment at Fino.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** The Penn Lake Association advised Borough Council that both beaches will be closed to all residents and guests during the entire construction phase of the dam repair beginning in 2025 through completion.

State Senator Argall copied the Borough on a letter he wrote to the Honorable Rick Siger, Secretary of the Department of Economic and Community Development, supporting the Borough's application for funding through the Local Share Account Luzerne County Grant Program for the Penn Lake Park Dam Project.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**MAYOR – Carter** – Reported a concern expressed by a resident regarding children driving ATVs on Borough Roads. Mayor Carter stated that unlicensed vehicles are not allowed on any Borough Road.

**SOLICITOR – Dan Mulhern** – Reported the Borough’s option to purchase the Phillips property is proceeding. The Board of Review hearing concerning the Basler easement is scheduled for October 14<sup>th</sup>.

**ZONING** – One permit was issued for 1599 Lakeview Dr. The Zoning Hearing Board met September 23 and granted a request from Joseph Podmore for a dimensional variance and special exception for enlargement of a nonconforming structure.

**RECREATION– George** – The Porta Potty will be in place until the end of October.

**LAKE MANAGEMENT - Eustice** – Nothing to Report.

**GOOSE ABATEMENT – Eustice** – Nothing to Report.

**RTK/RECORDS –Burden** – One RTK concerning the Phillips property is ongoing.

**ROADS –Eustice** – Rode with Kislak Trucking to outline areas for roadside brush trimming.

**SEWERS – Beltz** –Environmental Service Corp will flush the sewer lines from 1627 Lakeview Dr. to the Pagoda the week of October 21.

**SHORT TERM RENTALS- Burden** – Nothing to Report.

### **DAM – Rogan – 10-10-2024 Meeting- Dam Report**

- 9/13/2024 Streamline received correspondence, a “completeness review,” with minor items listed for “completeness.” Items are minor, and Streamline has 60 days to reply.
- 9/18/2024 Dan George met with Streamline Engineering on-site to discuss requirements for DAG 1.
- 9/30/2024 Rogan signed a reimbursement request in the amount of \$117,946.49 for 2021 BRIC grant.
- 9/30/2024 Grant writer Jim Brozena submitted a Penn Lake Park statewide LSA grant in the amount of \$1,000,000.00, and county wide LSA grant in the amount of \$3,726,800.00.
- 10/1/2024 George, Rogan, and Attorney Dean met to discuss status of easements.
- 10/9/2024 The option for easement on the Phillips property was exercised.
- 10/10/2024 The DAG prepared bulletin board information, flyers, and posters reminding the community of the good support they have received from State Senator David Argall and US Congressman Matt Cartwright in ‘moving’ the DEP as well as helping with grant funding for the dam project.
- 10/10/2024 A meeting with the Board of Review concerning the adequacy of the payment for the Basler easement will take place at 10 AM, Monday, October 14. George, Rogan, and Attorney Mulhern will attend.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

**ARPA Funds** - The Penn Lake Borough Inlet Grade Adjustment Project was awarded to Kislak Trucking in the amount of \$4,500.00 at the September Council Meeting.

**Motion to Adopt Ordinance 1 of 2024** – A **Motion** was made by Rogan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Burden to adopt Ordinance 1 of 2024 Authorizing the collection of attorney fees pursuant to 53 P.A.7106.

Roll Call: Rogan, Burden, George, Beltz, and Eustice, all in favor, none opposed.

Motion Carried.

**Motion to Adopt Ordinance 2 of 2024** – A **Motion** was made by Rogan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Beltz, to adopt Ordinance #2 of 2024 to amend Ordinance #1 of 2003, as amended by Ordinance #4 of 2006 “The Penn Lake Park Borough Sewer Connection Hook-Up Ordinance,” increasing the sewer connect fees to \$16,300.00.

Roll Call: Rogan, Beltz, George, Eustice, and Burden, all in favor, none opposed.

Motion Carried.

**Modify Resolution #3 of 2024** – A **Motion** was made by Rogan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by George to increase the amount for the Luzerne County Local Share Assessment Grant from \$2,628,326.00, to \$3,726,800.00 to be used for DEP mandated dam repair.

Roll Call: Rogan, George, Burden, Beltz, and Eustice, all in favor, none opposed.

Motion Carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

***Motion to Advertise 2025 Council Meeting Dates*** – A **Motion** was made by Rogan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Beltz to advertise the 2025 meeting dates for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month, except for the December meeting which will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday.

Roll Call: Rogan, Beltz, George, Eustice, and Burden, all in favor, none opposed.

Motion Carried.

**FINAL PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

A **Motion** to adjourn was made by Rogan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Beltz.

Roll Call: Rogan, Beltz, George, Eustice, and Burden, all in favor, none opposed.

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:46 PM.

**The next Council Meeting will be held on Thursday, November 14, at 7:00 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Burden, Secretary