

NOVEMBER 14, 2024

PENN LAKE PARK BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

The Penn Lake Park Borough November 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: John Burden, Dan Eustice and Corey Beltz were present. Sue George was absent

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MINUTES:

Minutes from the October 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 October Council Meeting Minutes was made by Eustice, 2nd by Burden. Roll Call: Eustice, Burden, Beltz, and Rogan, all in favor, none opposed. Motion Carried.

TREASURERS REPORT:

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

RECEIPTS/BILLS:

A **Motion** was made by Beltz, 2nd by Eustice to pay the bills of \$47,149.138 and to accept the receipts of \$20,139.38. Roll Call: Beltz, Eustice, Burden, and Rogan, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

PETITIONS OR COMPLAINTS: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

MAYOR – Carter – Reminded residents that a burn ban is in effect.

SOLICITOR – Dan Mulhern – Provided an update on the Basler easement appeal which should conclude by April 4th. Mulhern added that the Phillips easement continues in litigation.

ZONING – A zoning and building permit for a garage was issued to 23 Williams Drive.

RECREATION– George – No Report.

LAKE MANAGEMENT - Eustice – Nothing to Report.

GOOSE ABATEMENT – Eustice – Nothing to Report.

RTK/RECORDS –Burden – Stated there were 2 Right to Know Requests. One has been satisfied and the other will be satisfied when the garbage bids are tabulated.

ROADS –Eustice – The Culvert Pipe replacement and shoulder work on Hollenback Rd was completed. Funds for the repairs came from an ARPA Grant. AQUA was issued pave cut permits and sent the Borough plans for the water main replacement project on Darby and Horseshoe Dr.

SEWERS – Beltz –Environmental Service Corp will flush the sewer lines from 1627 Lakeview Dr. to the Pagoda on November 18th.

SHORT TERM RENTALS- Burden – Nothing to Report.

DAM – Rogan – 11-14-2024 Meeting- Dam Report

- 10/14/2024 A “Board of View” site meeting was held at the location of the Basler flow easement. The meeting was attended by George, Rogan, Borough solicitor Mulhern, Carolyn Basler’s attorney, and a few real estate agents. That group will determine the adequacy of the \$15,772.79 offer for the easement.
- 10/16/2024 The Board of View meeting has been scheduled for November 12th at 1:00 P.M.
- 10/17/2024 State senator, Rosemary Brown, was contacted about the possibility of low interest loans for dam related projects. Brown forwarded the info to Senator Argall and together determined that it did not apply to municipalities.
- 10/xx/2024 Dan George and Rogan met attorney Mulhern on site to review alternative access to the Basler Easement area.
- 10/xx/2024 Statewide LSA grant award of \$750k was made. This is significant because it addresses approximately half of the dam funding shortage.
- 10/29/2024 The BRIC grant reimbursement request was signed by Rogan.
- 10/30/2024 Streamline requested survey data between Carter and Darby to understand how the road profile needs to be changed. This is in response to additional information requested by DEP for the dam permit application.
- 11/02/2024 Survey work between Darby and Carter Drive was completed and sent to Streamline for submittal to DEP
- 11/08/2024 Notice was received today from PEMA, “Please be advised that reimbursement in the amount of \$88,122.37 has been initiated. Funds will be available in approximately 30-45 days.”
- 11/12/2024 The Board of View meeting scheduled for November 12th at 1:00 P.M. was canceled.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

ARPA Funds – The remainder of funds were used for the culvert replacement and shoulder repair on Hollenback Rd and the inlet grade adjustment project on Horseshoe, Lakeview, and Hollenback Rds.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ratify Email Poll – A **Motion** was made by Rogan, 2nd by Beltz, to engage Michael Kopec for dam related survey work not to exceed \$3,500.00.

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

Motion Carried.

2025 Budget – A **Motion** was made by Rogan, 2nd by Beltz, to advertise the 2025 Budget.

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

Motion Carried.

Risk Management Recommendation Letter – Mayor and Council will implement necessary checks and maintenance on playground equipment.

Trash Collection – Was advertised for bids.

Short-Term Rentals - Changes to the Short-Term Rental Ordinance are not currently necessary.

Phillips Easement – Council met in Executive Session.

Council Vacancy – Will be addressed at the December Council Meeting.

FINAL PUBLIC COMMENT: Ned McGuire expressed his disappointment in some Borough residents concerning their lack of support for Matt Cartwright in the recent election.

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

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

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:41 PM.

The next Council Meeting will be held on Thursday, December 19, at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Burden, Secretary