

APRIL 8, 2021

PENN LAKE PARK BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

The Penn Lake Park Borough April Council meeting was held via the conferencing app, Gotomeeting. Council President Paul Rogan called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM and stated that the meeting is being recorded. Rogan announced that a Special Council Meeting held on March 26, 2021 was advertised and held to vote on dam funding options.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Debra Krysicki, Council President Paul Rogan, Council members Jill Rosenstock, David Longmore, and John Burden responded. Due to technical difficulties, Council member Shaun Kuter was not able to respond until 7:14.

MINUTES:

Minutes from March Council Meeting and Special March 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 both the March Council Meeting Minutes and the Special March Council Meeting Minutes was made by Rosenstock, 2nd by Rogan.

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

TREASURERS REPORT:

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

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

RECEIPTS/BILLS:

A **Motion** was made by Rogan, 2nd by Longmore to pay the bills of \$17,030.50 and to accept the receipts of \$39,715.51.

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

PETITIONS OR COMPLAINTS:

None

CORRESPONDENCE:

- The U.S. Census recognized Penn Lake Park Borough as an invaluable member of the 2020 Census Partnership and Engagement Program. The Census Bureau appreciated the efforts of the Borough in making the 2020 Census a success.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

MAYOR – Debra Krysicki– Commended those residents who swept gravel off the Borough's roads making it easier and safer to walk and bike. The Mayor also gave special thanks to the Penn Lake Association for their first sponsored Easter Egg Hunt

for the children and recognized Melissa Seitchek, Melissa Pilecki, and Justine Grilz. Krysicki reminded the residents of the Clean Up and Street Sign Flower Decorating. The Mayor informed Council that she will ring the bell for the 2nd Annual Bells Across PA for First Responders and Police on May 2, 2021 at 7 PM.

POLICE – Mayor Krysicki stated the Borough received 33 hours of service for March. 31.3 hours were for patrol and 1.6 hours of service were for the following incidents: a response to an alarm, 5 traffic violations with 2 citations, and a call for a live wire down.

SOLICITOR – Krysten Giarratano– Nothing to Report.

ZONING – No Permits. A **Motion** was made by Rogan, 2nd by Kuter to advertise a Planning Commission Meeting on May 12, 2021 at 6:30 PM to address the Kiddish request to join two lots.

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

RECREATION– Kuter –Addressed in Unfinished Business

LAKE MANAGEMENT - Rosenstock – A contract was signed with Nature Works to treat the bladderwort.

GOOSE ABATEMENT – Kuter – New geese have arrived and citizens are using pyrotechnics to move them along. Kuter stated that inquiries have arisen on how the Borough enforces the Water Fowl Feeding Ordinance. A **Motion** was made by Kuter, 2nd by Longmore to have the Borough’s Attorney authorize a magisterial action to any citizen violating the Water Fowl Feeding Ordinance.

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

RTK/RECORDS –Burden – Nothing to Report

ROADS –Longmore – The Annual Pothole Assessment mark-off was completed. Longmore is making maps of the potholes around the lake. Several residents contacted Council concerning specific areas around the lake where signs are needed to slow down traffic. Longmore suggested Curve Ahead and or Children at Play signs for the areas. Longmore reported that additional Stop signs will be placed at the intersections of Horseshoe and Lakeview Dr. and also on lower Hollenback Road.

SEWER –Rogan – Nothing to Report

SHORT TERM RENTALS- Rosenstock – Letters with permit applications were sent in February; fees were due by March 31,2020. There are five known rentals in the Borough, two owners complied and letters were drafted for those owners who have not.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Lawn Work – Will be carried until the next Council Meeting.

Nuisance Ordinance- Continued until the next Council Meeting.

DCNR/ADA Grant – Rosenstock met with Borton Lawson and all is in order. Work will be completed within 65 days after the contract is signed. Rosenstock hopes to see work on the project by the May Meeting and noted the Bulletin Board at the Main Entrance to the lake will be removed.

COVID 19 –A **Motion** was made by Rogan, 2nd by Rosenstock to extend the State of Emergency for 30 days.

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

Stop Signs / Speed Limit Signs – Was addressed under Roads.

Dam

- Case Con briefed Council on funding options on March 24, 2021
- Case Con received two replies from 16 requests: Mauchunk offered 2 % for 5 years with a reset, Luzerne Bank offered 3.3% fixed for 20 years and 2.75% 10 years with a reset
- A Special Council Meeting was held on March 26, 2021 to vote on funding options
- Council voted to choose Luzerne Bank’s offering of 2.75% with a 10-year reset for dam funding
- Council President, Paul Rogan, and Borough Secretary, Karen Burden, will be signers
- Rogan received an email from Mike Judge recommending Council to find an attorney for a tax-exempt opinion. Borough Attorney Jack Dean cannot give a tax- exempt opinion.
- The Dam Advisory Group produced a draft RFP which was sent to the director of Dam Safety on April 2
- The Dam Advisory Group met on April 7 to review the RFP to put out on April 19, 2021
- Rich Campbell and Pat Newpol assumed the responsibility of taking the monthly piezometer reading from Rick and Bob Johnson.

NEW BUSINESS:

Roads – A **Motion** was made by Rogan, 2nd by Kuter to advertise for pothole repair and paving.

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

Rogan noted that Carter Drive and the remainder of Lakeview Drive not covered by the previous water main replacement project will be repaved in conjunction with the current Water Main Replacement project by AQUA.

PUBLIC COMMENT-

Kuter recognized and thanked Rick and Bob Johnson for their years of service in obtaining the monthly piezometer readings at the dam.

A **Motion** to adjourn was made by Longmore, 2nd by Kuter.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:44 PM.

The next meeting will be held on May 13, 2021, at 7:00 PM via the Gotomeeting App.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Burden, Secretary