

JULY 8, 2021

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 7:11 PM and 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 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 Meeting Minutes was made by Rosenstock, 2nd by Kuter.

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

TREASURERS REPORT:

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

Roll Call: Rogan, Kuter, 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 \$29,807.77 and to accept the receipts of \$33,183.53.

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

PETITIONS OR COMPLAINTS:

- Walter Parry complained County Waste did not pick up the bulk items that had accumulated for the past three months. It was explained that County Waste will pick up only one bulk item the first Monday of the month in a timely manner regardless of how many items were placed in previous months that were not picked up.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Augie and Flo Ciulla are concerned the AQUA Water Main Replacement Project will damage their recently landscaped yard.
- Council President Rogan wrote a letter to Mr. Robert McGraw of the Linde Corporation concerning the restoration of the ball park area after Phase 1 of the AQUA Water Main Replacement Project which has not been completed to date.
- A letter requesting clarification on the "Period of Performance" regarding the FEMA FMA Grant for the dam was sent by Council President Rogan to Tom

Hughes, the State Hazard Mitigation Officer of the PA Emergency Management Agency.

- Joe Van Name requested an upsize of his trash receptacles with County Waste.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

MAYOR – Debra Krysicki– Gave special thanks to Juliana Ferraro, Emma Lehman, Rowan Scott, and Reina Coulter who ran the Lemon-Ade Stand to benefit the dam project. Krysicki acknowledged Kathy Carter for picking up litter on her walks as well as Bruce and Terry from Williams Dr. for mowing grass and maintaining the entrance to the lake at Carter Dr.

The Mayor requests residents call 911 directly and state the call is a non-emergency rather than calling Borough officials for complaints.

POLICE – Mayor Krysicki stated the Borough received 29.36 hours of service for June. 6.5 hours were for the following incidents: 2 traffic violations, one harassment, two follow-up investigations, one suspicious vehicle, one domestic, one motor vehicle accident, and one assist for a EMS call. Krysicki noted that the White Haven Police have been alerted to suspicious vehicles entering the Borough.

SOLICITOR – Jack Dean– Notified the Borough that payment was received from the Short-Term Rental on Williams Dr.

ZONING – Permits were issued for a fence and an electrical service. The Zoning Hearing Board met on July 6th to address the Fetchko variance.

RECREATION– Kuter/Rosenstock –The Playground work is complete. Council President Rogan received a call from the Fisher family who would like to donate a new “Penn Lake Park” sign. Rogan advised that permission is needed from the Baslers.

LAKE MANAGEMENT - Rosenstock – The results for water testing have been excellent. Bladderwort will be treated in July. Based on the recommendation of Nature Works and Bob Levitski, the Penn Lake Fish and Plant Life Club recommends the lake be treated for water shield as well as the bladderwort. Rosenstock added that Nature Works had already been contracted to treat the bladderwort. The budgeted amount to treat the bladderwort was \$5,000.00. The Fish and Plant Life Club offered to contribute additional money to treat the water shield as well. A **Motion** was made by Rosenstock, 2nd by Rogan to allow the Fish and Plant Club to compensate the Borough for the treatment of both bladderwort and water shield that exceeds the Borough’s budgeted amount.

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

Rogan added that Irv and Charlotte Carter would like to address fish and plant life topics at the next Council Meeting.

GOOSE ABATEMENT – Kuter – The geese population has increased. Kuter urges residents to stop feeding the geese and asks residents to report and testify against those who are.

RTK/RECORDS –Burden – Nothing to report.

ROADS –Longmore – There has been no response from the White Haven Police regarding lines and speed traps. Florence and David Longmore made a lay out of what signs are needed and their location. Rogan placed an RFP on PennBid for installation of

the signs. A **Motion** was made by Rogan, 2nd by Longmore to advertise for signage placement.

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

Longmore mentioned the engineer for the Water Main Replacement project stated the construction will not affect the Ciulla's property.

SEWER –Rogan – Will begin the dunning process for delinquent sewer fees on unimproved lots.

SHORT TERM RENTALS- Rosenstock – A new short-term rental at 1658 Lakeview Dr. was listed on VRBO. Rosenstock noted the number of short-term rentals in the Borough has increased from three to seven properties. A Bridge sign located on the Fisher property was knocked over by a renter.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

O'Neil Property- The restoration of the O'Neil property resulting from the Storm-Water Replacement project was not acceptable. The Borough has contacted various contractors and none have shown an interest in the project. A **Motion** was made by Rogan, 2nd by Rosenstock to compensate the O'Neil's \$2,500.00 for full satisfaction of the Borough's obligation for restoration.

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

Nuisance Ordinance- Continued until the next Council Meeting to consider revisions.

DCNR/ADA Grant – The DCNR grant work has been completed at the playground. Rosenstock thanked Walter Parry for installing the sign. DCNR will complete an inspection of the work after which DCNR will release the funds. Rosenstock reported the work at the beach and gazebo in association with the grant will be completed soon. A **Motion** was made by Rosenstock, 2nd by Burden to pay \$31,098.20 to WAYCO for completion of the playground and the playground equipment.

Roll Call: Rogan, Rosenstock, Longmore, and Burden all in favor. Kuter abstained. Motion carried.

Council President Rogan expressed concerns that the current payment of \$31,098.20 along with the initial down payment of \$10,967.00 is a considerable amount of the Borough's discretionary fund and asked when and how will the Borough will be reimbursed by the Grant. Council Person Rosenstock outlined the following steps: first, the site visit by the state, next, the state signing off on the project, and finally submittance of the invoices to the state by the Borough. Rogan questioned whether the initial expenses of such projects are feasible for the Borough's finances in the future. Rosenstock reported that the Borough will receive a COVID Grant in the amount of \$16,111.00 this and next year for storm-water drainage. Monies from the grant must be used by 2024.

COVID 19 –Attorney Dean stated that remote meetings are still allowed. A **Motion** was made by Rogan, 2nd by Kuter to extend the State of Emergency for 30 days and continue to hold remote meetings.

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

Attorney Jack Dean advised that the recently passed Act 66 Amendment requires the Borough to post the Council Meeting Agenda twenty-four hours before the meeting.
Stop Signs / Speed Limit Signs – Was addressed under Roads.

Roads– Covered in Reports.

Dam –

- Most significant month since the initial DEP notice.
- DEP Dam Safety was pleased with the Dam Update Reports by Margaret Bastow.
- No consent order or agreement has been received from DEP as of yet.
- The Borough received four considerable proposals from Bergman, GPI, Rizzo, and Streamline Engineering.
- A follow up meeting with the firms occurred.
- Streamline/Thorough Bred Engineering was chosen on the basis of their understanding of the Borough's needs and cost as well as their good rapport for communication with DEP.
- The Borough is expecting an award of \$301,000.00 from the FEMA FMA Grant.
- There are questions whether the \$180,000.00 investigation fee from Streamline Engineering will count as the Borough's 25 % co-pay from the FEMA Grant.
- Other issues need to be resolved before Streamline can begin work such as the "Period of Performance," Rogan inquired of Tom Hughes, the State Hazard Mitigation Officer of the PA Emergency Management Agency, mentioned earlier in Correspondence.
- Jim Brozena has been consulted and will accept the position of grant manager. A **Motion** was made by Rogan, 2nd by Kuter to accept Jim Brozena as grant manager at a fee of \$150.00 per hour not to exceed \$15,000.00
Roll Call: Rogan, Kuter, Rosenstock, Longmore, and Burden all in favor, none opposed.
Motion carried.
A **Motion** was made by Kuter, 2nd by Rosenstock to engage Streamline Engineering to resolve engineering work for the FEMA Grant not to exceed \$10,000.00.
Roll Call: Rogan, Kuter, Rosenstock, Longmore, and Burden all in favor, none opposed.
Motion carried.
- Rogan expressed thanks to the four girls who raised money for the dam repairs

NEW BUSINESS:

Fish and Plant Life Club – Margaret Bastow announced that the Penn Lake Fish and Plant Life Club will do an educational presentation on the First Annual State of the Lake on Friday, August 6th, at 6 PM. The presentations will hopefully become an annual event. The following experts: John Levitsky, Molly Jiles, and Gail Aborzihi will discuss lake quality and wildlife. Also, Dan George will give a dam update and Charlotte Carter will give the status of the Federal Grant during the presentation. Jill Rosenstock will discuss playground, beach, and pagoda work. Handouts may be provided and the event will be

advertised in many media outlets. Bastow announced that other future cultural events are possible for Penn Lake.

PUBLIC COMMENT- Josie Sorianno expressed concerns about the swale on the O'Neil property and pointed out two other possible areas that she feels warrant attention: the lakeside and roadside areas in that location that may exhibit safety issues. Sorianno wants the Borough to consider the safety and aesthetic issues of both areas. Rogan commented that the lakeside rubble filters out most of the damage done on lakeside. Lisa Stuart expressed thanks to Council President Rogan for dealing with the recent trash issues and asks for Council's consideration for pieced pricing for bulk and yard waste in the upcoming contract for waste removal. Longmore suggests asking for residents' input before considering contract proposals.

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

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

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 PM.

**The next meeting will be held on August 12, 2021, at
7:00 PM via the Gotomeeting App.**

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Burden, Secretary