

AUGUST 12, 2021
PENN LAKE PARK BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

The Penn Lake Park Borough August Council meeting was held via the conferencing app, Gotomeeting. Council President Paul Rogan called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM and stated that the meeting is being recorded.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Debra Krysicki, Council President Paul Rogan, Council members Jill Rosenstock, David Longmore, and John Burden responded, Shaun Kuter was present but unable to respond vocally until later in the meeting.

MINUTES:

Minutes from the July 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 July Council Meeting Minutes was made by Rosenstock, 2nd by Burden.

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 Rosenstock, 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 Longmore, 2nd by Rosenstock to pay the bills of \$33,081.26 and to accept the receipts of \$40,390.47.

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

PETITIONS OR COMPLAINTS:

- Fiora and Charlie Liem complained that a dock was installed on their lakefront property that is only accessible through their property. The dock has been used by renters from a Short-Term Rental property. Many items from the renters had been left on her property and her own personal property had been used by the renters. The Liems stated that the dock is permanent and they are concerned about liability if an accident occurs. The Liems referenced a Borough ordinance stating only one dock can be installed on each lakefront property and due to Charlie's ill health, their dock had not been installed this season but is partially installed now. The Liems feel it best for the dock to be removed and relocated. Council President Rogan responded in writing to the Liems' concerns by referring to the verbiage in the Penn Lake Covenant.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Sharon Stanski inquired when Council Meetings will be held in person.

- Fiora Liem requested information on the following topics: rules concerning installation and removal of docks, dock sizes and restrictions, ordinances pertaining to lakefront properties and non-lakefront rights, public pathways, and information on Short-Term Rental properties. Council President Rogan addressed these topics in a written letter to the Liems.
- The Borough received notice from the Pennsylvania State Police that the White Haven Police Department which serves Penn Lake Park Borough is in violation of the Uniform Crime Reporting Act of 2004 by not reporting crime statistics on a monthly basis.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

MAYOR – Debra Krysicki– Requested guidelines for residents to follow as the covenants are not mentioned in all deeds and requested the Covenant be made available to all residents. The Mayor stated that docks must be removable according to the Covenant. Krysicki also thanked all residents for their patience and making accommodations in view of the construction around the lake.

POLICE – Mayor Krysicki stated the Borough received 29.25 hours of service for July. 30 minutes of service were for the following incidents: 2 traffic violations, 1 fraud, 1 assist with the White Haven Fire Department, and 1 animal complaint.

SOLICITOR – Jack Dean– Informed the Borough that the White Haven Police Department’s non-compliance to the PA State Police Crime Statistics by not reporting crime statistics is not a Borough issue. Attorney Dean stated the Act 65 Amendment to the Sunshine Act requires the Borough to post the Council Meeting’s Agenda on the website and on the Community House door 24 hours prior to the meeting with a list of proposed Motions. Dean noted that the Borough cannot add Motions not listed unless an emergency occurs. The Steamline Contract was reviewed and the LSA Grants are due September 30.

ZONING – 2 permits were issued for an addition and a reissue of a lapsed permit. The Zoning Board met in July and granted the Fetchko variance.

RECREATION– Kuter/Rosenstock –Nothing to Report.

LAKE MANAGEMENT - Rosenstock – Spoke with Irv Carter who was advised by Marty Metsco, who treats the lake, that a retreatment of the bladderwort is necessary as well as a spot treatment of water shield. Treatment will occur by the end of August. Water testing results have been good with results at the two beaches of 12 and 17 out of 250. The Association plans on placing boat racks on Carter Beach and the Gazebo area.

GOOSE ABATEMENT – Kuter - Nothing to report.

RTK/RECORDS –Burden – No official requests.

ROADS –Longmore – Sign placement is unfinished as well as line painting on Hollenback by the White Haven Police. Pothole patching by Shiffer Bituminous will begin in late August. The watermain replacement project by AQUA and Linde hit an unmarked drain pipe which will be repaired by Linde for \$2,600.00. Longmore will meet with AQUA and Linde to address drainage problems around the Community House area. Longmore projects the pipe installation for the Water Main Replacement project will be completed by late August and paving will occur afterwards. Rogan stated that the Linde foreman assured him that the restoration of the Ball Park area from Phase

1 of the Water Main Replacement project will commence when their equipment is near the area. Rosenstock expressed concern that brush be cleared on Hollenback before the start of school on September 7th.

SEWER –Rogan – The Borough had given permission to Weasel and Hughes to connect to our sewer system which involved road and pave cut permits as well as a \$5000.00 bond; however, DEP will not allow either party to connect to our sewer system.

SHORT TERM RENTALS- Rosenstock – The Borough has 9 Short-Term Rental properties. Many complaints have been received regarding renters including loud noises, campfires all through the night, strangers walking around the lake and near residents’ properties. Mayor Kryszicki asked at what time must campfires be extinguished.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Nuisance Ordinance- Rogan reminded Council of the lack of response concerning the Nuisance Ordinance; however, it would serve as the enforcement mechanism for Short-Term Rentals. President Rogan will remove the item from Unfinished Business. Council person Rosenstock suggests replacing the Nuisance Ordinance with a Noise Ordinance.

DCNR/ADA Grant – The concrete portion of the work is completed but other aspects of the project are not. Delays have been caused by labor and shipment issues. The drainage problem at the beach was addressed. The projects should be completed by Labor Day.

COVID 19 –A **Motion** was made by Rogan, 2nd by Burden 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.

Stop Signs / Speed Limit Signs – The Borough received 2 bids for the purchase and placing of various signs: Minichi for \$4,670.00, and Garden State Highway for \$6,715.00. A **Motion** was made by Longmore, 2nd by Rogan to accept Minichi’s bid for sign placement.

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

A suggestion was made by Robert Scott to have solar flashing lights placed on top of some signs to alert drivers of dangerous intersections.

Dam –

- Rogan sought information on the “Period of Performance” which would clarify the window of eligibility when the Borough’s 25% match would count toward the provisions of the FEMA grant.
- A live meeting on August 2nd with PEMA resulted in clarification of the “Period of Performance” window which opened on October 1, 2020, meaning money spent by the Borough would count toward the 25% match.
- Jim Brozena added verbiage to make the contract with Streamline PEMA and FEMA compliant.

NEW BUSINESS:

Snow Removal – A **Motion** was made by Rogan, 2nd by Kuter to advertise for snow removal for the upcoming winter season.

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

Dam Inspection – A **Motion** was made by Rogan, 2nd by Kuter to engage Borton Lawson for the Dam Inspection provided the cost is no higher than 10% over last year's cost.

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

Gaming Grant for 2019 – The Borough was awarded \$86,000.00 from the November 2019 application for Gaming Grant funds. Proposed projects are drain replacements on Hollenback and the Community House area.

PUBLIC COMMENT- None

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

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

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 PM.

**The next meeting will be held on Septmeber 9, 2021, at
7:00 PM via the Gotomeeting App.**

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Burden, Secretary