

JUNE 9, 2022

PENN LAKE PARK BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

The Penn Lake Park Borough June Council meeting was held in the Penn Lake Park Community House. Council President Paul Rogan called the meeting to order at approximately 7:48 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag followed by a statement that the meeting is streamed through the conferencing app., Gotomeeting, and is being recorded.

ROLL CALL: Council President Paul Rogan, Council members Shaun Kuter, David Longmore, Dan Eustice, and John Burden were present. Mayor Carter was absent.

MINUTES:

Minutes from the May Council Meeting were distributed to council via email and posted on the Penn Lake Borough website. The copies will be recorded as the official minutes and will be posted on the Borough's website. A **Motion** to accept the May Council Meeting Minutes was made by Kuter, 2nd by Longmore.

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

Motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT:

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

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

Motion carried.

RECEIPTS/BILLS:

A **Motion** was made by Rogan, 2nd by Longmore to pay the bills of \$21,775.09 and to accept the receipts of \$193,066.98.

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

Motion carried.

PETITIONS OR COMPLAINTS: None

CORRESPONDENCE:

Harry and Ann Marie Bruley are concerned with changes in our residential community by Short-Term Rental Properties. Their concerns include: homes being purchased by corporations to be used solely for Short-term rentals, and owners of houses being approached by corporations to sell their properties to use for rentals. The Bruley's ask what regulations must Short-term rentals follow as far as, occupancy guidelines, quiet hours, number of people allowed on a rental property, if parties and events can be hosted on a Short-term rental property, age restrictions on renters, parking restrictions, adequate garbage receptacles, and compensation for damages to community and residential properties. And finally, who will enforce the regulations.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

MAYOR – CARTER -No Report.

POLICE – The Borough received 30.5 hours of service for May. Incidents were: 1 Missing juvenile, 1 brush fire, 1 disabled vehicle, 1 overdose, and 1 traffic violation.

SOLICITOR – Krystin Giarrantano– Nothing to Report

ZONING – 2 Zoning Board hearings are scheduled for June 28th for variances for Preedy for an addition and for a special exception for Woods for a shed.

RECREATION– Kuter – Longmore estimates a cost of approximately \$5,600.00 to complete the pickle ball project.

LAKE MANAGEMENT - Eustice – Water test results are posted on the bulletin boards and website along with guidelines for water safety. Irv Carter obtained a price per acre for bladderwort spraying but the acreage has not been determined. Eustice informally spoke with a game warden about the resident beavers regarding property damage and E. coli levels.

GOOSE ABATEMENT – Kuter – Numbers of geese are down from previous years and new arrivals are controlled with pyrotechnics. Kuter also met with the game warden regarding the beavers and their locations. Kuter contacted private companies but has not received a response. Private trappers can trap the beavers during beaver season.

RTK/RECORDS –Burden – Nothing to Report.

ROADS –Longmore – No bids were received for pot-hole repair and paving. A request for bids will be reposted on PennBid for one week. There are three critical areas which the Borough will proceed to rectify including State Route 2041 at the entrance to Carter Drive, and a 50-foot stretch of shoulder on Hollenback Road which was eroded and compressed by the school bus. Kat Ladoff mentioned that trees hanging by the inlet bridge need to be addressed.

SEWERS – Rogan – Nothing to Report.

SHORT TERM RENTALS- Burden – An owner of a short-term rental property has been contacted to remit the permit fee and penalty. Rogan will forward a copy of the revised Short-Term Rental Ordinance to Council for their review and will be on next month’s agenda.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Paving and Patching Bid Review- No bids were received.

Erosion at Inlet – Water level is too high to proceed with repairs.

Dam –

- May 16 The Dam Advisory Group had a Zoom meeting. The level of the lake will remain as is.
- May 19 At the request of grant writer, Jim Brozena, Rogan provided additional material needed by PEMA for the July 2021 FMA 2020 grant award.
- May 20 Jim Brozena was notified that Penn Lake has been “Identified for Further” for our 2021 BRIC Grant application. The grant of \$307,500.00 should be available in October. This money together with the \$301,000.00 from last July makes a total of \$608,000.00 in grant money available to the borough for “Project Scoping.” Determining what that means, how much of the \$200,000.00 that has been spent to date that counts toward the 25% match, and how to obtain the money remains to be seen.
- May 28 A Dam Advisory Group meeting was held. Topics included pool level, coffer dam, and grant status.
- June 3 Brozena continues to push PEMA/FEMA as to when our 7/1/2021 money would become available.
- June 6 Dam Advisory members Dan George and Paul Rogan plan to attend a dam owners workshop at the Blair County Convention Center in Altoona. This would present an opportunity to meet the new (acting) Dam Safety Director. The expenses associated with this will be voted on the June 9th Council Meeting.

- June 7 In an email from our dam engineer, Streamline, the DEP is “still deliberating” on their preliminary review of Penn Lake Hydrology and Hydraulics report and proposed remedies. The “go ahead” for the preferred approach to increasing the spillway capacity is a pre-requisite to moving to the next phase of the dam project: detailed design and permitting. The Dam Advisory Group and Council are eager to have a public meeting to present and discuss the planned approach with the public; however, the meeting will not occur until the DEP hurdle is cleared.
- A **Motion** was made by Kuter, 2nd by Burden not to exceed \$260 to cover motel, meals, and registration expenses plus mileage to attend the Dam Owners Workshop to be paid from the dam fund.
Roll Call: Kuter, Burden, Longmore, Eustice, and Rogan all in favor, none opposed.
Motion carried.

Association/Borough Partnership – A **Motion** was made by Rogan, 2nd by Eustice to make a one-time contribution of \$500.00 to the Penn Lake Association.

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

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

First Aid/ CPR/ AED Training -Trish Bartlett is making arrangements to have the American Red Cross provide training to be held at the Community Center. The cost is \$131.25 per person. The training date has not been determined. Reservations must be paid in advance by check to the American Red Cross. Anyone interested should contact Trish Bartlett at 570-479-0131. Information regarding the training will be posted on the bulletin boards.

SLRF Reporting – Attorney Krysten Giarrantano will handle the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds reporting.

Drainage Work – Storm-water drainage in the areas of Williams Dr. and Lakeview Dr. (by the inlet) will be addressed.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Kat Ladoff commented that police were called for pyrotechnics and she was asked by the police if she knew who set them off and their locations. She feels the Borough should not pay for the police call since the use of pyrotechnics to control the goose population is permitted by the Borough. Kristen Fisher had comments on the Short-term rental Ordinance proposed revisions regarding residency requirements. Robert Scott suggested removable speed bumps to be placed around Lakeview Dr. to curtail speeding. Ian Preedy asked if there was any follow up with the police regarding the incident at the Penn Lake 80th Celebration. Council held a short executive session in regard to the incident.

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

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

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM.

The next Council Meeting will be held on June 9, 2022 at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Burden, Secretary