

JULY 13, 2022

PENN LAKE PARK BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

The Penn Lake Park Borough July Council meeting was held at the Penn Lake Park Community House grounds. Council President Paul Rogan called the meeting to order at approximately 7:31 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: Mayor Tom Carter, Council President Paul Rogan, Council members Shaun Kuter, David Longmore, Dan Eustice, and John Burden were present.

MINUTES:

Minutes from the June Council Meeting and the Special June 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 June Council Meeting Minutes was made by Longmore, 2nd by Burden.

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

Motion carried.

A **Motion** to accept the Special June Council Meeting Minutes was made by Longmore, 2nd by Burden.

Roll Call: Longmore, Burden, Kuter, 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 Eustice to accept the Treasurer's Report.

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

Motion carried.

RECEIPTS/BILLS:

A **Motion** was made by Kuter, 2nd by Longmore to pay the bills of \$25,397.43 and to accept the receipts of \$62,324.58.

Roll Call: Kuter, Longmore, Eustice, and Burden, Rogan abstained on line 10 otherwise aye, all in favor, none opposed.

Motion carried.

PETITIONS OR COMPLAINTS: None

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mike and Kristen Fisher are concerned with the reasoning behind the proposed revision of the Short-Term Rental Permit eligibility. They are planning to remodel but hesitate to do so because they do not meet the residency requirements to operate a Short-Term Rental. The Fishers proposed alternate solutions for the management of Short-Term Rentals for people who do not meet the residency requirements.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

MAYOR – CARTER -Nothing to Report.

POLICE – The Borough received 23.15 hours of service for June. Incidents were: 1 Stolen Firearm, 2 Follow up investigations, 2 Fireworks, and 1 Suspicious Person.

SOLICITOR – Krystin Giarrantano– Nothing to Report

ZONING –2 Zoning Board hearings were held on June 28th granting variances for an addition, and a special exception for a shed. An additional permit was approved for a hot tub.

RECREATION– Kuter – Nothing to Report.

LAKE MANAGEMENT - Eustice – Spoke with and sent an email to John Charnego of the Department of Health to make the Bureau aware the water testing results are posted on the website. Nature Work’s proposed Contract price of \$650.00 to survey and map the lake was received. The cost of spraying will be determined by the number of acres to be treated.

GOOSE ABATEMENT – Kuter – Non-resident groups are arriving, but volunteers are repelling them through pyrotechnics. There are approximately 20 geese in the resident flock.

RTK/RECORDS –Burden – Nothing to Report.

ROADS –Longmore – Has not been contacted by Kislak’s Trucking, the contractor for pot-hole patching and paving. Longmore will reach out to Kislak for an update.

SEWERS – Rogan – AQUA found vacant lots and improved properties that have changed ownership and are working to contact the new owners. An updated “Do Not Replace List” is forthcoming giving Aqua the names of properties with delinquent accounts whose pump cannot be repaired until payment arrangements have been made and also permission to pull the grinder pumps if a payment agreement cannot be made. Rogan mentioned an advertisement handed to him by a resident for sewer protection at a cost of \$6.24 per month for the first year.

SHORT TERM RENTALS- Burden – No response from the Short-Term Rental owner operating on Williams Dr. Reports of illegal parking and dog attacks were received by residents regarding renters.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Speed Bumps – Prices have been obtained from Bassler’s Equipment. The Borough can purchase the bumps; however, the question remains on whether Liquid Fuels money can be used on roads with speed bumps. Rogan will research the issue. Storage is also an issue if the Borough decides to purchase the speed bumps and the Association will be consulted for storage arrangements.

Backer across from Matt Seitchek – Mayor Carter will contact Weaver to drop gravel and volunteers will help with shoveling.

Pickle Ball / Tennis Court – Longmore spoke with Kevin Cronauer regarding the amount from the Go Fund Me Account established on FaceBook yet to be deposited in the Borough’s receipts. Longmore reported the total amount for material is \$9,727.27 plus and additional \$600.00 for materials and \$400 for tools to erect a pickle ball court on the existing basketball court. A **Motion** was made by Longmore, 2nd by Kuter to amend the agenda due to a change in the last 24 hours to purchase tools and supplies required for the tennis court modification not to exceed \$11,000.00, contingent upon the receipt of the Go Fund Me Account established on Face Book for the pickle ball court.

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

Motion carried.

A **Motion** was made by Longmore, 2nd by Kuter, contingent upon receipt of the Go Fund Me Account, to purchase materials and tools, not to exceed \$11,000.00 for the completion of the pickle bar courts.

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

Motion carried.

Erosion at Inlet – Mayor Carter reported the water level is low. Longmore will survey conditions for the use of machinery. Volunteers will aid in the repairs with shoveling.

Short-Term Rental Ordinance Changes – Will carry over to future meetings.

Dam –

A **Motion** was made by Rogan, 2nd by Eustice to pay Streamline Engineering an additional \$5,000.00 for Change Order No. 3, for Additional Spillway Hydraulic Analyses.

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

Motion carried.

- 6/10/22 Rogan contacted Mike Kopek, a local surveyor, to discuss flow easements and possible survey work.
- 6/14/22 Jim Brozena feels that money paid to date is within the “Period of Performance” window and will qualify for the Borough’s 25% contribution.
- 6/22/22 Rogan and Dan George attended a “Dam Owner’s Workshop” and spoke with the acting director of dam safety regarding the concepts developed by Streamline to remedy the deficiencies identified by DEP. They also met with a representative who will be on the review team for the permit application. Both DEP personnel were invited to tour Penn Lake.
- 6/29/22 Brozena received an inquiry from the Department of Homeland Security related to the Borough’s 2021 BRIC grant.
- 7/1/22 An email was received from Kirk Kreider, the acting Dam Safety Director for DEP, informing the Borough that the dam is eligible to apply for the “FY 2022 Rehabilitation of High Hazard Potential Dams.” Mr. Kreider was provided with the application material needed to proceed. Unlike prior years, construction activities are “grant eligible” but require a 35% Borough match. The timeline for the “Period of Performance” of the grant may be too soon for the construction phase of the Borough’s dam.
- 7/13/22 Pat Millham will replace Clay Kimsal on the Dam Advisory Group. Mr. Millham brings a solid background in banking and finance, as asset to the group.
- 7/14/22 The Dam Advisory Group had to postpone the public meeting set for May. A public meeting cannot occur until DEP approves Streamline’s concepts for increasing the spillway capacity. DEP’s delayed response jeopardizes both the timing for public meetings as well as the discussed construction start date in 2023.

NEW BUSINESS:

Snow Plowing – Jim Jarick will discontinue snowplowing services due to the high insurance costs. Rogan will reach out to Kislak, Herbener, and 4 Diamond for possible services.

Lilly Pad/ Bladderwort Spraying – A motion was made by Rogan, 2nd by Kuter to pay Nature Works \$650.00 to survey and map the lake for bladderwort spraying.

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

Motion carried.

White Haven Police Contract – Council Member Dave Longmore read his prepared statement citing several reasons for discontinuing services with the White Haven Police Department. The

reasons included the Police Department's failure to paint speed trap lines from three years ago, the lack of response from the Police to resolve the September 4th incident concerning Penn Lake Residents, and the vagueness of the monthly Police Report as well as its accuracy. Longmore suggested utilizing police coverage by the State Police and diverting funding to acquire speed bumps to curtail speeding in the Borough and possibly renegotiating a contract with the White Haven Police. A **Motion** was made by Longmore, 2nd by Kuter for Mayor Carter and Borough Council to meet with the White Haven Police Department in an Executive Session to resolve issues between the Borough and the Police.

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

Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Trish Bartlett announced the First Aid/ CPR/ AED Training will be postponed to a fall weekend. Bartlett reported a leaking County Waste Hauler, water fowl being fed by a resident, water testing results for e-Coli contamination, information on Spotted Lantern Fly, and thanked Dan Eustice for taking the water test readings and posting the results on the web page. Seth Isenberg questioned why the Police won't respond to fireworks complaints and commented on State Police coverage. Chuck Stoffa warned of a tick born illness and gave insights on the State's Attorney General's Department regarding Police issues.

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 8:46 PM.

The next Council Meeting will be held on August 11, 2022 at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Burden, Secretary