

Green Lane Borough
Green Lane, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania
Borough Council Meeting
June 12, 2025
Minutes

The Borough Council met on the above date in the Borough office in the Green Lane Fire Company building. President Brian Carpenter called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: President Brian Carpenter, Vice President Gerald Godshall and Council Members Jack Findley, Jonathan Guntz.

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Darren Landis.

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT: Mayor Lynn Bergey, Engineer Josh Gross, Solicitor Loren Szczesny, Code Enforcement and Zoning Officer John Membrino and Secretary/Treasurer Mary T. Garber.

OFFICIALS ABSENT: Solicitor David Comer.

MOTION ON MINUTES: Councilman Guntz made a motion to accept the minutes of the May 8, 2025, Council meeting. Second by Councilman Findley. Motion passed.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Participation of the Green Lane Fire Police in the following events was confirmed:

- Philadelphia Folk Festival, Thursday, August 14, 2025, 8 a.m. to about noon.
- Old Goschenhoppen Oyster Picnic, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., on September 6, 2025.
- Big Bad Bonfire at Spring Mount Ski Area and Salford Station Road Parking Lot from about 3:30 to 10:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 11, 2025.
- National Night Out, August 9, 2025.

PUBLIC SAFETY/EMERGENCY REPORTS: Police, ambulance and fire company reports on file.

VISITORS: Borough residents Rick Stamper, Ken Brewer, John and Kim Keim, Vicki Nyce, Kelsey Butt, and Michael Tierney, and Town and Country Reporter Mary Gibbs Kershner.

VISITORS' COMMENTS:

- Mike Tierney and Kelsey Butt were asked to explain their request for a variance for a "guest house" which was presented to the Zoning Hearing Board on June 5, 2025, as that altered from their original request for an in-law suite, for which the Borough has written a letter of support. They explained that they are not seeking approval to have any type of a commercial operation like an "air bnb." They just want to be able to have friends stay there when they come to visit. They understand that there would be a limit on the length of time that someone could stay there and asked that the limit be 90 days. Councilman Godshall made a motion to adjust the Borough's letter of support to include a 90-day cap on guest residence time. Second by Councilman Findley. Motion approved.

- Kimberly Keim said she was concerned about the traffic that was being detoured onto Green Street due to the sidewalk construction project. President Carpenter said he would talk to the contractors, and the job would be completed in the next week.
- The Keims and Vicki Nyce asked for an update on the old greenhouse property because they heard it was a done deal. Mr. Carpenter said the Borough has not received any plans for developing the property for consideration by Council. If plans are presented or a zoning variance is requested for the property, it will be publicized.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

- The hearings on the citations against the owner of 120 Gravel Pike (Rockwell's) have been cancelled because the property has been sold. Mr. Szczesny will forward the approved letter regarding the Butt/Tierney property to the Zoning Hearing Board solicitor.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT: (Report on file)

- Permits were approved for the new home being constructed at 122 Green St.
- A letter was sent to the owners of the old greenhouse property regarding the weeds.
- The owner of Atlas Holdings was contacted regarding the bamboo on his property in the 100 block of Main St.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: (Report on file)

- Construction on the Montco 2040 Grant - Route 29 Sidewalk Project is scheduled for completion by June 20, 2025.
- Councilman Godshall made a motion to approve rewarding the bids for the ADA curb ramp upgrades on Walnut and Green Streets and the pavement restoration projects throughout the Borough, both funded through DCED-MTF grants, to T Schiefer Contractors. Second by Councilman Findley. Motion approved.

REGIONAL PLANNING:

- The regional electronic recycling event will be held on July 12, 2025, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Camelot Park.

SEWER AUTHORITY: (Complete report on file)

- The GLMJA Board established a new rate for "EDU PURCHASED/NOT IN USE"
- The grinder pump repair project at 1127 Magazine Road will begin soon.
- The Geryville Pump Station project was completed May 5.
- PA Small Water and Sewer grant for \$500,000 was submitted.
- 2023 Audited Financial Statement is complete.

ROAD COMMITTEE: Highlands Trail signs are up.

PARK COMMITTEE:

- Councilman Godshall had the water in the park's facilities tested, and it passed.
- The Lions club wants to start the bathroom renovation project. President Carpenter told Paul Barndt of the Lions to go ahead, and the Borough will help where it can.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Councilman Godshall made a motion to approve the treasurer's report and pay all bills. Second by Councilman Findley. Motion approved.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

OLD BUSINESS:

- The Borough's 150th anniversary celebration will be held on Friday and Saturday, September 19 and 20, 2025, and will center around the completion of several construction projects in the Borough, including Route 29 sidewalks, crosswalks, streetlights, trail connection, etc. Planning meetings are being held regularly. Councilman Findley made a motion to approve a \$5,000 budget to fund expenses for the celebration. Second by Councilman Godshall. Motion approved.
- Council discussed the possibility of hiring a single trash hauler for the Borough. Options for billing residents will be investigated. This will be discussed further at a future meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Councilman Godshall made a motion to adjourn. Second by Councilman Findley. Motion passed and so ordered.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary T. Garber, Borough Secretary