

Green Lane Borough
Green Lane, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania
Borough Council Meeting
May 13, 2021
Minutes

The Borough Council met on the above date in the Pavilion of the Isaac Smith Park to allow for social distancing due to the COVID-19 virus pandemic. Signage was posted at the Borough Office and on the Borough's website to advise people that the meeting was being held in the Pavilion. Borough Council waited five minutes past the 7 p.m. starting time to allow people to walk from Borough office to the Pavilion. The meeting was called to order by President Brian Carpenter at 7:05 p.m., and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Darren Landis.

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT: Mayor Lynn Wolfe, Solicitor Dave Comer, Secretary/Treasurer Mary T. Garber, Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer John Membrino, and Engineer Substitute Josh Hagadorn.

OFFICIALS ABSENT: Engineer Joe Carlin.

MOTION ON MINUTES: A motion was made by Gerald Godshall to accept the minutes of the April 8, 2021, Council meeting. Seconded by Jack Findley. Motion passed.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

- Mayor Wolfe extended condolences to Councilman Gerald Godshall on the death of his son and shared some memories of Scott Godshall. Councilman Godshall thanked Council for the gift basket that was sent to his family.
- National Night Out will be presented by the Marlborough Township Police Department on Saturday, August 14, 2021, from 3 to 7 p.m. at St. John's Church.
- A Radiological Emergency Response Training & Tabletop Exercise will be held at the Marlborough Township Municipal Building on Thursday, May 20, 2021. The Mayor, Council Member Jack Findley and the Borough Secretary will be participating in the training in preparation for the Limerick Generating Station drill on November 16, 2021.
- The Sewer Authority requested that the Fire Police assist with Smoke Testing of sewer pipes on May 17-18, 2021, in the Borough. Gerald Godshall made a motion to approve participation of the Fire Police in the project. Second by Jack Findley. Motion approved.

PUBLIC SAFETY/EMERGENCY REPORTS: (State Police report on file)

VISITORS: Tom Weiss, owner Perkiomen Valley Brewery; and Town and Country newspaper reporter Jennifer Frieze.

- Mr. Weiss presented donation checks to both the Borough and the Fire Company from proceeds of the May 8, 2021, Makers Market held at the brewery.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

- A letter will be sent to the owner of 417 Walnut street regarding storm water issues after conferring with the Borough Engineer.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER: (report on file)

- Three permits were issued to M. Kathleen Fisher Aman at 201 Main St. for a garage, replacing a fence, and replacing an existing shed on her property.
- McCuskin Properties LLC has retained counsel regarding actions at its Lumber Street property. Code Enforcement Officer John Membrino has communicated to the owner what needs to be done to bring the property into compliance. A second application was submitted for the shed which is being reviewed by the Flood Plain Administrator. An application for the sign has not been received.
- A complaint was received regarding junk and debris at 770 Lumber St. The owner is in the process of an eviction proceeding. Code Enforcement will continue to monitor the situation.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

- Montco 2040 Grant Application- Route 29 Sidewalk: Awards have not yet been announced. Last year's awards were announced in early June.
- The Sidewalk at 124 Main Street was replaced as of the week of April 19 and accepted as in good condition.
- An updated MS4 map was provided to the Borough Secretary on April 21.
- Some possible flow intrusion was found in a stormwater pipe on 4th Street approaching Green Street. It was minimal, but appeared to be coming into the system between the inlets.
- A zoning application has been submitted for 724 Lumber Street. Based on the ordinance any new structure within the floodway will require a variance, which was not requested. Code Enforcement Officer John Membrino has referred the applicant to the ordinance requirements.

REGIONAL PLANNING: Councilman Findley reported that there was a lot of discussion at the recent planning commission meeting regarding improvements being made in Green Lane.

SEWER AUTHORITY: Smoke testing of sewer lines will be conducted in the Borough May 17-18, 2021, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Residents will be personally notified of the inspections.

ROAD COMMITTEE: The Mayor asked that PennDOT be contacted about the mangled guard rail at Park Road and Route 29.

PARK COMMITTEE: Gerald Godshall and Jack Findley have been completing work in the kitchen at the park.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Councilman Godshall made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and pay all bills. Second by Councilman Guntz. Motion passed and so moved.

OLD BUSINESS:

- The Borough Secretary gave an update on the progress of the TCDI Planning grant project.
 - A survey of residents, business owners and stake holders is underway. As of the meeting, 135 people had responded and 55 of them were Borough residents.
 - A flyer (on file) has been posted around town, at the post office, on the Borough website and Facebook page, and on the Borough office door notifying residents about the survey and about a public meeting that will be held on Wednesday, May 19, 2021, in the Isaac Smith Park Pavilion to allow residents to comment and give input on the project.
- Councilman Godshall reported that an application to the DCED Multimodal Transportation fund for renovations to the war memorial in the park was denied.

CORRESPONDENCE: Notification was received that Green Lane Borough will get \$51,000 as part of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 that was signed into law by President Biden on March 11. The funds will be distributed through the Pennsylvania State government.

According to the notification, Recovery Funds may be used “to invest in broadband infrastructure, services and programs to contain and mitigate the spread of COVID-19, including capital investments in public facilities, payroll and covered benefits expenses for public health, health care, human services, public safety and similar employees, and investments in housing and neighborhoods. Funds should not be used by state and local governments to cut taxes, pay down debt, or bolster reserve funds. Local governments should expect to receive funds in two tranches, with half coming this month and the rest a year from now.”

NEW BUSINESS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, a motion was made by Gerald Godshall to adjourn and seconded by Jack Findley. Motion passed and so ordered.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary T. Garber, Borough Secretary