

Green Lane Borough
Green Lane, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania
Borough Council Meeting
Thursday, June 11, 2020
Minutes

The regular meeting of the Borough Council was held on the above date in the pavilion at the Isaac Smith Park to allow social distancing due to the COVID-19 virus pandemic. Signage was posted at Borough Hall and on the Borough's website to advise people that the meeting was held in the pavilion. Borough Council waited 5 minutes past the 7:00 p.m. starting time for the meeting to allow people to walk from Borough Hall 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 Jonathan Guntz, Darren Landis and Jack Findley.

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT: Solicitor Dave Comer, Secretary/Treasurer Mary T. Garber, Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer John Membrino.

OFFICIALS ABSENT: Engineer Joe Carlin and Mayor Lynne Wolfe.

MOTION ON MINUTES: A motion was made by Darren Landis to accept the minutes of the regular monthly Council meeting held on May 14, 2020. Seconded by Jack Findley. Motion passed and so ordered.

MAYOR'S REPORT: NONE.

PUBLIC SAFETY/EMERGENCY REPORTS: (police, ambulance and fire reports are on file)

VISITORS: Jennifer Frieze, reporter for the Town & Country newspaper.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Solicitor Dave Comer shared the following items:

- The Solicitor will combine the 2011 burn ordinance and its amendments into one document so that is more easily understood by residents, and he will present it at the July meeting.
- The Transient Merchant ordinance will also be revised to incorporate rules regarding food trucks, and it will be presented at the July meeting.
- Property ownership and status of the house at 767 Lumber Street was reviewed due to the condition of the roof and a hole in front of the home which may be considered a safety hazard. Council President Carpenter said he would get a number from the mayor and follow up with the owner.
- The Solicitor will send a letter to the owners of the Chapel at 417 Walnut Street regarding stormwater issues giving them 90 days to correct the problem.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER: Code Enforcement Officer John Membrino said one permit was issued for a small shed to Blaine and Karen Bergey at 308 Third Street. He has received many queries about sheds and fences and expects to issue more such permits.

- President Carpenter said Rockwell's is being allowed to provide outdoor dining only until COVID-19 restrictions are lifted and the restaurant can fully reopen.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Engineer Joe Carlin submitted a written report (on file) prior to the meeting that included the following:

- There is no update on the PennDOT Multimodal grant application.
- MS4 training materials are available and been posted on the website and Facebook.

REGIONAL PLANNING: Councilman Guntz reported that the Planning Commission has discussed installation of a crosswalk on Route 29 at Walnut Street. He said it was reported that State approval is not needed as long as the Borough deems it necessary. Solicitor Comer suggested the Borough Engineer be consulted. President Carpenter will contact the Engineer.

SEWER AUTHORITY:

- Councilman Godshall said the Authority is now doing camera work throughout the Borough to check for infiltration or leakage in the pipes.
- Zoning Officer John Membrino questioned why a potential buyer for a property above Gravel Pike was told that he could not get a sewer permit for the property because no new sewer hookups are being approved. He was told EDUs are only available for "failed systems." Councilman Godshall recommended the potential buyer attend the next Authority meeting.

ROAD COMMITTEE: President Brian Carpenter is seeking updated pricing for Green Street repairs. Councilman Guntz expressed concern about the condition of several Borough streets.

PARK COMMITTEE:

- Councilman Guntz reported that he was disheartened by conversations with the Fire Company representatives at the last Park Committee meeting. He said both owners of the property should be participating equally in the expenses to maintain the park or the Borough should sell their half to the Fire Company or the Fire Company sell to the Borough.
- Councilman Godshall made a motion to have the Solicitor contract with a Title Company to do a basic title search at a cost of no more than \$300 to determine any restrictions against the sale of the property. Councilman Guntz seconded the motion. Motion passed and so ordered.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Councilman Godshall made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and pay all bills. Darren Landis seconded the motion. Motion passed and so ordered.

OLD BUSINESS:

- The Borough has received a TCDI planning grant through the DVRPC for \$36,000.
- Statement of Financial Interests are due to the Borough Secretary by July 25, 2020. Councilman Godshall gave an update on efforts to renovate the Park monument.

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CORRESPONDENCE: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Mary T. Garber, Borough Secretary