

Green Lane Borough
Green Lane, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania
Borough Council Meeting
Thursday, July 9, 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 being held in the pavilion. Borough Council waited five minutes past the 7 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, Engineer Joe Carlin and Mayor Lynne Wolfe.

OFFICIALS ABSENT: None.

MOTION ON MINUTES: A motion was made by Gerald Godshall to accept the minutes of the regular monthly Council meeting held on June 11, 2020. Seconded by Darren Landis. Motion passed and so ordered.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

- The number of COVID-19 cases in the area continues to be low with only three reported among Green Lane residents.
- A COVID-19 testing facility has been set up in Green Lane Park at the Orange Trail parking lot off Snyder Road.
- It has been one year since the serious flood on July 11, 2019, that caused a lot of destruction in the Borough. The Mayor publicly thanked the following for assistance in recovery efforts after the flood: Whitetail Disposal, Aqua Pennsylvania and Young's Home Comfort.

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

VISITORS: Jennifer Frieze, reporter for the Town & Country newspaper; Nancy Harvey, Green Lane resident.

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

- Letters were sent to two property owners on Main Street regarding the condition of their sidewalks.

- A letter was sent to the owners of the Chapel at 417 Walnut Street regarding stormwater issues.
- A title search was ordered for the largest parcel that makes up the Isaac Smith Park.
- The Solicitor presented a restated Air Pollution Control Ordinance commonly known as the “burn ordinance” which is a revision of the 2011 ordinance and its amendments, combining them into one document that is more easily understood by residents. A motion was made by Gerald Godshall to incorporate the suggested changes and advertise the proposed ordinance. Second by President Brian Carpenter. Motion passed and so ordered.
- He presented a revised Transient Merchant ordinance that incorporates rules regarding annual permits for property owners to host merchants on their property. A motion to accept suggested changes and advertise the ordinance was made by Gerald Godshall. Second by Jonathan Guntz. Motion passed and so ordered.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER: Code Enforcement Officer John Membrino was contacted by Carl Pederson regarding permits needed to complete work required by the County on the property easement connecting Route 29 and the Perkiomen Trail.

ENGINEER’S REPORT: Engineer Joe Carlin reported the following:

- There is no update on the PennDOT Multimodal grant application.
- ARLE application has been submitted for \$16,000 to complete maintenance on the intersection of Route 29 and Route 63.
- County grant application is in the works for repairs to Green Street in the amount of \$200,000, which will require a 20 percent match by the Borough.
- MS4 training materials are available and have been posted on the website and Facebook.

REGIONAL PLANNING: No report.

SEWER AUTHORITY:

- Councilman Godshall said the Authority is now doing camera work throughout the Borough to check for infiltration or leakage in the pipes. Lining of some manholes was also completed.
- Sewer Authority wants to move forward with grease trap ordinances in both Green Lane and Marlborough.
- Unpaid sewer bills have reached nearly \$65,000, and the Authority is going to start taking legal action against those who are behind in their payments.

ROAD COMMITTEE: Waiting for grant submission results for Green Street repairs.

PARK COMMITTEE:

- Councilman Godshall gave an update on efforts to make improvements to the memorial monument.
- The Open Link’s Grab-and-Go program is providing meals to children on Tuesdays and Fridays at the park.

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:

- Statement of Financial Interests are due to the Borough Secretary by July 25, 2020.
- A proof of the updated codification project has been received from General Code. Review of the proof by the Borough needs to be completed and returned to General Code by August 24, 2020.

NEW BUSINESS: The Borough Secretary will be sending notification to Borough residents with rental properties that they must send a list of all tenants to the Borough office.

CORRESPONDENCE: The Borough received a letter from the Green Lane Marlborough Joint Authority notifying the Borough that it is applying to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection for the acquisition of the Candlewyck Estates treatment facility located in Marlborough Township.

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