

**BOROUGH OF GREEN TREE  
COUNCIL MEETING  
MARCH 3, 2008**

**CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Green Tree Borough Council met on Monday, March 3, 2008 at the Green Tree Municipal Center, 10 West Manilla Avenue, at 8:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

*Members present:*

Daniel Behanna  
Paul Kirsch  
Janine Palmer  
Ron Panza  
Edward Schenck  
Arthur Tintori

*Also Present:*

W. David Montz, Borough Manager  
Peter Molinaro, Jr., Borough Solicitor  
Marian Kochin, Junior Council Person  
Deborah N. Gawryla, Stenographer

*Absent:*

Vincent J. Abbato, Mayor  
Mark Sampogna, President

**COMMUNITY PRIDE PRESENTATION - State Sen. Wayne Fontana and State Rep. Matt Smith**

Senator Fontana said that working together with Representative Smith, they have been able to allow tax dollars to return to Green Tree. They presented Council and the Borough with a check for \$162,000 to be used towards improvements on the Aiken soccer field project in Green Tree Park. The audience applauded. Members of the KOA Soccer Association were present to thank the senator and representative.

On behalf of Council, the Mayor and the residents, Mr. Panza presented Sen. Fontana and Rep. Smith with clocks for their offices as a way to saying thank you for their continued efforts on behalf of Green Tree Borough.

Mr. Schenck commented that he had been president of the local soccer association for seven years before the current president, Mr. John Brosnan, took over. Mr. Schenck stated that Mr. Brosnan has done an excellent job with the KOA Soccer Association. He said that soccer helps give children confidence in other aspects of their lives and is a great sport to get involved in. The soccer field improvements will greatly benefit the children of Green Tree and the soccer association.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**February 4, 2008**

**Mr. Behanna made a motion, seconded by Dr. Kirsch, to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2008 Council meeting as presented.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**February 18, 2008**

**Mr. Behanna made a motion, seconded by Dr. Kirsch, to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2008 Council meeting as presented.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

In the absence of Mayor Abbato, there was no report at this time.

**HEARING OF THE CITIZENS**

There was no one present who wished to be heard.

**REPORT OF BOROUGH COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

**A. PUBLIC PROPERTY & EQUIPMENT - Mr. Tintori**

**1. Soccer Field Improvements**

Mr. Tintori stated that the Borough has a 25-year lease on the Aiken field property. The Borough will provide \$200,000 towards field improvements in addition to the \$162,000 from Sen. Fontana and Rep. Smith, for a total of approximately \$362,000 for field improvements.

**2. Clock Tower**

Mr. Tintori said that Council has authorized the purchase of a clock for a new clock tower to be erected on the island at the intersection of Greentree Road and Mansfield Avenue. It should arrive in 6-8 weeks and will be installed in the spring.

- 3. Mr. Tintori stated that base holes have been prepared for the installation of new lighting along Poplar Street and in Green Tree Park.**

**B. FINANCE - Mr. Behanna**

**1. Motion:**

Mr. Behanna made a motion, seconded by Ms. Palmer, to ratify the actions of the Borough Manager in paying the February 2008 General Fund - EFT Utility Payments totaling \$27,682.26, Payroll Account totaling \$156,290.79, Educational Service Agency totaling \$3,859.26, Health Care Fund totaling \$3,015.59 and other bills on the bill sheet totaling \$28,207.77.

Motion carried unanimously.

**2. Motion:**

Mr. Behanna made a motion, seconded by Ms. Palmer, to approve payment of the March 2008 invoices from the General Fund totaling \$122,244.78, 2002 Sanitary Sewer Bond totaling \$17,462.96 and Capital Projects Fund totaling \$1,715.53.

Motion carried unanimously.

**3. Appointment of Official Voting Delegate and Alternate Delegate for the MRM Worker's Compensation Pooled Trust.**

**Motion:**

Mr. Schenck made a motion, seconded by Ms. Palmer, to appoint Mr. Dan Behanna as the delegate and Mr. Ron Panza as the alternate delegate for the MRM Worker's Compensation Pooled Trust.

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Appointment of Official Voting Delegate and Alternate Delegate for the MRM Property and Liability Trust.

Motion:

Mr. Behanna made a motion, seconded by Dr. Kirsch, to appoint Mr. Tintori as the official voting delegate and Ms. Palmer as the alternate delegate for the MRM Property and Liability Trust.

Motion carried unanimously.

C. PUBLIC SAFETY - Ms. Palmer

1. Resolution #1095

Authorizing submission of a grant application through the Commonwealth of PA Office of Attorney General Community Drug Abuse Prevention Grant Program for \$1,000 grant for Intoximeter PBT purchase.

Motion:

Ms. Palmer made a motion, seconded by Dr. Kirsch, to adopt Resolution #1095.

Mr. Molinaro read Resolution #1095 authorizing the filing of an application for funds with the Attorney General. The resolution will confirm that the applicant has formally requested a grant and has designated an official to perform the required duties between the applicant and the Office of the Attorney General.

Roll Call Vote

Ms. Palmer	Yes
Mr. Behanna	Yes
Mr. Schenck	Yes
Dr. Kirsch	Yes
Mr. Tintori	Yes
Mr. Panza	Yes

Motion carried unanimously.

2. Ordinance #1600

Repealing in its entirety Chapter 10 and adopting a new Chapter 10 in its place and adding Chapter 25 to the existing Green Tree Borough Police Department Manual of Policies, Rules and Procedures.

Ms. Palmer stated that Chapter 25 will add a chapter on Missing Children and the Amber Alert policy to the manual.

Motion:

Ms. Palmer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Behanna, to place Ordinance #1600 on first and final reading by title only.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Molinaro read Ordinance #1600 by title only.

**Motion:**

Ms. Palmer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Behanna, to pass Ordinance #1600 on first and final reading by title only.

**Roll Call Vote**

Ms. Palmer	Yes
Mr. Tintori	Yes
Mr. Schenck	Yes
Dr. Kirsch	Yes
Mr. Behanna	Yes
Mr. Panza	Yes

Motion carried unanimously.

**Motion:**

Ms. Palmer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Behanna, to authorize the proper officers to sign Ordinance #1600 and that it be advertised according to law.

Motion carried unanimously.

**D. RECREATION & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS - Mr. Panza****1. General Report**

Mr. Panza stated that the Green Tree newsletter that was mailed out today contains information on many upcoming recreational activities, including the Pirate nights this summer. The RCA Committee is discussing whether beer will be permitted to be sold at this year's Oktoberfest.

**E. PLANNING & ZONING - Mr. Schenck****1. Planned Residential Development**

Mr. Schenck said that an ordinance is being developed regarding a proposed planned residential development (PRD) in the area of the former golf driving range at Parkway Center. This area is currently zoned Commercial B-1 and it would continue to be considered Commercial B-1, but the revised ordinance would permit the developer to build a planned residential development in this area. Apartments, townhouses, and other multi-family dwellings would be permitted in this area. Mr. Schenck felt that this would be a good development for Green Tree. The Planning Commission has reviewed and recommended the proposed ordinance to Council. The Borough Solicitor and the Planning & Zoning Committee have also reviewed it, as well as others, and a Public Hearing on the proposed PRD ordinance will be held on Monday, April 7 at 8:00 p.m. The proposed PRD would encompass 26 acres, with 16 acres located in Green Tree Borough and the other ten in the City of Pittsburgh. The developer hopes to develop all 26 acres for middle class housing for young professionals and seniors.

Ms. Palmer asked where the City of Pittsburgh was in reviewing the proposed development. Mr. Schenck replied that the developer hopes to obtain PRD approval in Green Tree first, anticipating that the City of Pittsburgh will follow in the Borough's footsteps for the development. Ms. Palmer asked when ground would be broken on the proposed development. Mr. Schenck said that a lot of geotechnical work must be completed prior to construction. Ms. Palmer expressed concern about the additional traffic that would be created with such a development. Discussion continued regarding the proposed PRD.

**F. STREETS & PUBLIC HEALTH - Dr. Kirsch****1. Greentree Road & Carnahan**

Dr. Kirsch stated that along with the upcoming Greentree Road sidewalk renovations, there will be a review of the intersection of Greentree Road and Carnahan to see if it can be reconfigured to allow a right turn on red without vehicles turning into the opposing lane to do so.

**2. Mansfield Avenue Sidewalk**

Dr. Kirsch said that the Borough Engineer is reviewing the area along Mansfield Avenue from School Street to Holiday Drive for the installation of a sidewalk. In order to install a sidewalk in this area, a highway occupancy permit is required from PennDOT. A maintenance and traffic plan for the sidewalk must be submitted and approved, along with a detour route while the sidewalk is being installed.

**3. Sewer Repairs**

Dr. Kirsch said that plans for upcoming sewer repairs are taking place. Alcosan's flow-monitoring program is in effect. The Borough has five flow monitors in place.

**4. Summer Intern**

Dr. Kirsch reported that the Borough will have a summer intern from CMU who will assist in developing a sanitary sewer maintenance plan based on the internal video inspection reports. The intern will also help with the construction inspections and will learn about the government bidding process for construction projects.

**LIAISON REPORTS****1. MRTSA - Mr. Montz**

Mr. Montz said that MRTSA has been making progress with its financial situation. The in-house billing department has been eliminated and replaced with a contracted service. Mr. Montz said that MRTSA's operational side is excellent, however the financial side has been lacking. Some of the decisions to improve MRTSA have been difficult ones, but they will help to maintain an excellent ambulance service for the future.

**2. Char-West COG - Mr. Behanna**

Mr. Behanna said the Char-West COG met in Crafton last week. South Fayette's Council has gone completely paperless. Members have laptops and information is delivered electronically. Robinson Township recently reopened its budget and increased its millage rate. It is considering an off-street parking tax for properties with more than 100 parking spaces. Crafton recently funded the updating of its street signs through private donations.

Mr. Behanna said that the COG annual dinner will be April 17 and Council members should let the Administrative Office know if they plan to attend.

**3. Keystone Oaks School Board - Mr. Schenck**

Mr. Schenck reported that the annual high school musical will be held this coming weekend. It is *Brigadoon* and performances will be held on Thursday through Sunday at the high school.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT - Mr. Molinaro**

Mr. Molinaro had nothing to report at this time.

**MANAGER'S REPORT - Mr. Montz**

1. Mr. Montz said that the University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public and International Affairs released a report showing how many local communities are running deficits. Green Tree was not on this list and it was a testament to how well Council runs the Borough, budget and finances.

**2. Rock Salt**

Mr. Montz said that the price of rock salt recently went from \$42/ton to \$52/ton. The Borough is considering increasing the amount of its rock salt ordered at the beginning of next year's winter season based upon recent rock salt averages. Discussion continued regarding how the Borough determines how much rock salt to order each year.

**3. Police Department**

Mr. Montz said that the Police Department's new record management system has been installed and the officers are being trained to use the program. The entire system should be up and running within the next few months.

Mr. Montz said that as part of the revised police policy manual, the officers will soon be trained on tasers.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion:**

**Mr. Schenck made a motion, seconded by Ms. Palmer, to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

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