

**BOROUGH OF GREEN TREE
COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 7, 2016**

Call to Order / Silence for Meditation / Pledge of Allegiance

Green Tree Borough Council met on Monday, March 7, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. in the Green Tree Municipal Center, 10 West Manilla Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Mr. Sampogna reported that Council had met in Executive Session prior to this meeting to discuss legal and personnel matters.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Edward A. Schenck, Mayor
Mark Sampogna, President of Council
Rino Lindsey
David Lorenzini
John Novak
Ron Panza
David Rea
Arthur Tintori

Also Present:

W. David Montz, Borough Manager
Colin Cleary, Chief of Police
Deborah N. Gawryla, Stenographer

PUBLIC HEARING - CU-01-16

Applicant, ExteNet Systems, Inc., requesting conditional use approval from Council regarding the installation of a communication antenna on the existing utility pole located at 1037 Greentree Road.

Mr. Sampogna opened the public hearing. Mr. Montz reported that the applicant had notified him this afternoon that he would be unable to attend due to a family emergency. Mr. Montz said that this applicant has been before Council for approval of similar communication antennas. This antenna would be installed on Greentree Road near Orchard Drive and the installation meets the requirements of the ordinance. Mr. Montz reported that the public hearing had been advertised and the application had been reviewed and recommended for Council's approval by the Planning Commission.

There were no comments from Council or the public regarding this antenna installation.

Motion:

Mr. Lindsey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Novak, to close the public hearing for CU-01-16, applicant, ExteNet Systems, Inc.

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

February 1, 2016

Motion:

Mr. Lindsey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Novak, to approve the February 1, 2016 minutes with the following corrections:

Mr. Lindsey asked that Chief Cleary's name be included in the minutes in the listing of those present.

Mr. Lorenzini said that the lengths of the terms for the four reappointed Planning Commission members be changed from three years to four years. He said that the Zoning Hearing Board reappointments should be listed as three-year terms in the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

HEARING OF THE CITIZENS

Tom Kerr, Noblestown Road/Rothesay Avenue

Mr. Kerr said he lives on Noblestown Road, but owns a vacant lot on Rothesay Avenue where he has installed a parking pad and uses it to park his vehicles. Borough ordinance prohibits parking along that side of Rothesay Avenue, but there are no "No Parking" signs posted along that side of the street except in front of the playground. Mr. Kerr said that there used to be "No Parking" signs there and he has been trying to get the "No Parking" signs along Rothesay replaced. He had spoken to the Code Enforcement Office about it over a year ago and was told that the sign was on order. He also discussed it with the Mayor and the Police Chief.

Mr. Montz said that after reviewing the area, he and Chief Cleary felt that parking should be permitted on this side of the street. He did not feel that parking on this side of the street is a problem and Mr. Kerr was the only resident who had raised any concerns about it. Mr. Montz stated that parking is limited in the Rook area. He said he had written a memo to Council recommending that parking be permitted on this side of Rothesay.

Mr. Kerr asked if this meant that there was no chance of getting "No Parking" signs up along this part of Rothesay. Mr. Montz said that his recommendation to Council was to permit parking along the street.

Mr. Sampogna said that if someone parking on the street should block Mr. Kerr's driveway he should call the police department immediately and the vehicle would be towed. Discussion continued regarding several incidents where vehicles had blocked Mr. Kerr's driveway.

MAYOR'S REPORT - Mayor Schenck

A. Proclamation - Declaring April 2, 2016 as Light It Up Blue Day for Autism in Green Tree

Mayor Schenck read the following proclamation:

"Whereas autism is a complex neurological disorder that affects a person's ability to communicate and develop social relationships, and,

Whereas, one in 110 children is diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder, and,

Whereas Autism Speaks was founded in February 2005 by the grandparents of a child with autism, since then Autism Speaks has grown to the world's leading autism science and advocacy organization dedicated to funding research into the causes, prevention, treatments, and cure for autism, increasing awareness of autism spectrum disorders and advocating for the needs of individuals with autism and their families, and,

Whereas, Autism Speaks, launched the Light It Up Blue and is a unique local initiative that kicks off Autism Awareness Month and helps raise awareness about autism. In honor of this special day, many iconic landmarks, hotels, sporting venues, concert halls, museums, bridges, and retail stores are among the hundreds of thousands of homes and communities and that take part in Light It Up Blue.

Whereas, April 2nd is World Autism Awareness Day, and to celebrate, thousands of people are coming together to Light It Up Blue.

WITNESSETH

That by virtue of the power vested in me, I, Edward A. Schenck, Mayor of the Borough of Green Tree, on behalf of Council and myself, join Autism Speaks to help shine a light on autism, and do hereby declare Tuesday, April 2, 2015 as Light It Up Blue Day in the Borough of Green Tree, and that the Municipal Center shall be specially lit on the evening of April 2, 2016 in celebration of Light It Up Blue."

- B.** Mayor Schenck stated that he had attended the Green Tree Volunteer Fire Company's annual banquet and had sworn in the new officers of the GTVFC. He said he and Chief Cleary had also read Dr. Seuss stories to St. Margaret's third graders as part of the Dr. Seuss birthday celebration.
- C.** Mayor Schenck said he would be holding Mayor's Office Hours on Saturday, April 9 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Birch Room.

REPORT OF BOROUGH COUNCIL COMMITTEES

A. PLANNING & ZONING - Mr. Lorenzini

1. Zoning Hearing Board

Mr. Lorenzini reported that the Zoning Hearing Board had met in February and granted a variance to Robertson Heating Supply Company on Noblestown Road to reconfigure their building in order to bring more supplies into the building. Now that the variance has been granted, the application will go before Planning Commission.

2. Planning Commission

Mr. Lorenzini said that Planning Commission would be meeting on Wednesday, April 9 to continue their review of the proposed zoning ordinance. They anticipate recommending the draft of the ordinance to Council in the near future.

3. CU-01-16

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Motion:

Mr. Lorenzini made a motion, seconded by Mr. Panza, to approve CU-01-16, applicant, ExteNet Systems, Inc., regarding the installation of a communication antenna on the existing utility pole located at 1037 Greentree Road.

Motion carried unanimously.

B. PUBLIC PROPERTY & EQUIPMENT - Mr. Rea

1. Resolution #1228 - Disposition of Public Records

Motion:

Mr. Rea made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lindsey, to adopt Resolution #1228 on first and final reading by title only.

Mr. Rea said that the records included in this resolution were library invoices, deposits, and bank statements from 2008.

Mr. Montz read Resolution #1228 by title only.

Roll Call Vote

Mr. Rea	Yes
Mr. Lindsey	Yes
Mr. Tintori	Yes
Mr. Novak	Yes
Mr. Panza	Yes
Mr. Lorenzini	Yes
Mr. Sampogna	Yes

Motion carried unanimously.

2. Swimming Pool

Mr. Rea reported that he had received a number of email suggestions regarding possible pool improvements. One suggestion that could be implemented this year would be the installation and season-long rental of lockers. These would be small storage units where regular pool visitors could store chairs and other pool-related items for the season and pay an annual fee for the locker. Several other residents had suggested the inclusion of healthier snacks at the snack bar.

3. Hale Park

Mr. Montz reported that the installation of the new children's playground at Hale Park would begin tomorrow. Public Works has completed the refurbishing of the spring animals for the playground. He hoped that the playground installation could be completed in the next month.

C. PUBLIC SAFETY - Mr. Lindsey

1. General Report

Mr. Lindsey stated that on March 14 Council and the Mayor would be interviewing three candidates for the vacant patrolman position. He asked Council members and the Mayor to submit any questions they would like to have asked during the interview process.

D. FINANCE - Mr. Tintori

1. Motion:

Mr. Tintori made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lindsey, to ratify the actions of the Borough Manager in paying the February 2016 invoices from the General Fund totaling \$73,553.46, Sanitary Sewer Maintenance Fund totaling \$675.70, Payroll Account totaling \$211,077.94, and Educational Service Agency totaling \$5,289.91.

Motion carried unanimously.

2. Motion:

Mr. Tintori made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lindsey, to approve payment of the March 2016 invoices from the General Fund totaling \$165,041.11, Sanitary Sewer Maintenance Fund totaling \$24,859.53 Capital Projects totaling \$26,933.00, and Public Works Equipment Fund totaling \$26,338.34.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

Motion:

Mr. Tintori made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lindsey, to appoint Mr. Arthur Tintori as the Official Voting Delegate and Mr. Ron Panza as the Alternate Delegate for the MRM Workers' Compensation Pooled Trust.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

Motion:

Mr. Tintori made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lindsey, to appoint Mr. Arthur Tintori as the Official Voting Delegate and Mr. Ron Panza as the Alternate Delegate for the MRM Property and Liability Trust.

Motion carried unanimously.

5. Ordinance #1750

Setting the annual rate of pay and establishing the hourly rate of pay for certain administrative employees.

Ordinance #1751

Setting the terms and conditions of employment for the Borough Engineer and Code Enforcement Officer.

Ordinance #1752

Fixing the annual salary of the Director and Assistant Librarian of the Green Tree Public Library.

Ordinance #1753

Fixing the annual salaries of certain borough employees of the Green Tree Public Library and setting the terms and conditions for funding from the Allegheny County Library Association (ACLA).

Ordinance #1754

Setting the salary and benefits of W. David Montz as Borough Manager, Tax Collector, and Emergency Management Director for the period of January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016.

Mr. Tintori said he was combining the passage of the five ordinances regarding salary rates for various borough employees.

Motion:

Mr. Tintori made a motion, seconded by Mr. Novak, to place Ordinances #1750, #1751, #1752, #1753, and #1754 on first and final reading by title only.

Mr. Lorenzini asked why the passage of these salaries ordinances had been delayed. Mr. Montz replied that it had been decided not to address these items until contract negotiations with the unions had been completed.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Montz read Ordinances #1750, #1751, #1752, #1753, and #1754 by title only.

Motion:

Mr. Tintori made a motion, seconded by Mr. Novak, to pass Ordinance #1750, #1751, #1752, #1753, and #1754 on first and final reading by title only.

Roll Call Vote

Mr. Tintori	Yes
Mr. Novak	Yes
Mr. Lindsey	Yes
Mr. Panza	Yes
Mr. Lorenzini	Yes
Mr. Rea	Yes
Mr. Sampogna	Yes

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion:

Mr. Tintori made a motion, seconded by Mr. Novak, to authorize the proper officers to sign Ordinances #1750, #1751, #1752, #1753, and #1754 and that they be advertised according to law.

Motion carried unanimously.

6. Hiring of substitute Special School Police Guards under the Educational Service Agency Agreement.

Mr. Montz stated that there are two applicants for substitute crossing guards, Ms. Rebecca Chembars and Ms. Marcy Byrne, contingent upon their approval by Council and the passage of their background checks. Council members, the Mayor, and Mr. Montz are all members of the Educational Service Agency and must all vote on these applicants. Since crossing guards are hired under the Educational Service Agency, the school district provides for half of the salary for these employees and does not provide unemployment compensation over the summer months when school is not in session.

Motion:

Mr. Tintori made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lindsey, to hire Ms. Rebecca Chembars and Ms. Marcy Byrne as substitute Special School Police Guards under the Educational Service Agency agreement, contingent upon passage of their background checks.

Mr. Sampogna asked if these employees receive training for their positions. Chief Cleary said that they would receive training.

Motion carried unanimously by all the members of the Educational Service Agency (Council members, Mayor Schenck, and Mr. Montz).

Mr. Montz said that the borough is still seeking a regular school crossing guard.

E. STREETS & PUBLIC HEALTH - Mr. Novak

1. Resolution #1229

Indicating the borough's intent to work along with Allegheny County to accomplish the goals of the Live Well Allegheny campaign.

Mr. Novak said that this resolution would formally indicate the borough's interest in participating in the county's Live Well Allegheny program by encouraging better health to its residents.

Motion:

Mr. Novak made a motion, seconded by Mr. Tintori, to adopt Resolution #1229 by title only.

Mr. Montz read Resolution #1229 by title only.

Roll Call Vote

Mr. Novak	Yes
Mr. Panza	Yes
Mr. Rea	Yes
Mr. Tintori	Yes
Mr. Lorenzini	Yes
Mr. Lindsey	Yes
Mr. Sampogna	Yes

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Sampogna said that a number of communities in Allegheny County are already part of the Live Well Allegheny program. He hoped that Green Tree would stay active with this program. The Recreation Director is working on an event to kick off Green Tree's participation in the Live Well Allegheny program in conjunction with the Green Tree Farmers Market. The program will have exhibitors, representatives from the Allegheny County Health Department, Allegheny Department of Human Services, and others to explain the available services for residents and promote healthy living and healthy lifestyles. He suggested additional ideas that could be implemented to promote healthy living in Green Tree.

2. Streets Committee Meeting

Mr. Novak reported that the Streets Committee had met to discuss the consent decree and ways to remove storm water from the sanitary sewer system. Mr. Novak detailed areas that contribute to this system in Green Tree and various methods that could be implemented to reduce storm water into the sanitary sewer system.

Mr. Novak said the committee had also discussed possible streets to be repaved this year and tentatively selected Robinhood, Forest, Akehurst, Banbury, Greenlawn, Susan, Ringold, Rocklyn, Churchill, and Arla.

F. RECREATION & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS - Mr. Panza**1. Appointments to the Library Board.****Motion:**

Mr. Panza made a motion, seconded by Mr. Novak, to appoint/reappoint the following individuals to the Green Tree Library Board for two-year terms through January 2018: Mr. Bill Van Kirk, Ms. Melissa Schuetz, Ms. Laura Gething, and Mr. Randall McFarland.

Mr. Sampogna said that Mr. Van Kirk is a new appointment, whereas Ms. Schuetz, Ms. Gething, and Mr. McFarland are all reappointments to the Library Board.

Motion carried unanimously.

2. Appointments to the Recreation & Community Activities Board.**Motion:**

Mr. Panza made a motion, seconded by Mr. Novak, to appoint/reappoint the following individuals to the Green Tree Recreation & Community Activities Board for three-year terms: Mr. Robert Pacak, Mr. Gregory Schuetz, Ms. Gina Dedig, Mr. Ken Nolte, Ms. Laura Gething, Ms. Alyson Wilson, Mr. Josh Wilson, and Ms. Chris Short.

Mr. Panza said that Mr. Pacak and Mr. Schuetz were reappointments while Ms. Dedig, Mr. Nolte, Ms. Gething, Ms. Wilson, Mr. Wilson, and Ms. Short were all new appointments. Mr. Panza said the RCA Board is a nine-member committee.

Motion carried unanimously.

3. Appointment of delegates to CONNECT.**Motion:**

Mr. Panza made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lindsey, to reappoint Mr. Mark Sampogna as Green Tree's CONNECT delegate, and Mr. W. David Montz as the alternate delegate.

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Mr. Panza said that the Recreation Committee of Council was requesting to receive copies of the minutes from the Library Board meetings. The Recreation Committee also had decided to attend at least one Library Board meeting a year.

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

Mr. Montz had nothing report on MRTSA at this time.

B. Char West COG - Mr. Novak

Mr. Novak said that the Char West COG had lost a few memberships and felt that this could be attributable to the fact that the COG had not offered a joint garbage collection program. COG salt prices are currently \$67.95 per ton. Last month's guest speaker was Mr. Nick Kotik, a state representative of the 45th legislative district. Mr. Kotik stated that he was not running again because he had gotten tired of the gridlock in Harrisburg. Mr. Kotik said he

had co-sponsored Bill #1394, amending the borough code to authorize assessment of reasonable uniform storm water fees to prevent unfunded mandates. Discussion continued regarding the way storm water fees are collected.

C. Library - Mr. Sampogna

(1) Mr. Sampogna said the library would be holding a special event in conjunction with the Green Tree Historical Society on March 19 from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. A refurbished Oriole bus will be available for the public to tour and take rides. The Historical Society will be have a display at the library about the Oriole Bus Company that used to be located on Greentree Road where the Ace Hardware currently stands. Some former Oriole bus employees and their families will also attend the event.

(2) The library will also be holding a 3-D printing demonstration on March 30 at 7:00 p.m.

(3) Mr. Sampogna noted that the Library Board is continuing work on its strategic plan.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Mr. Sampogna

A. CONNECT

Mr. Sampogna showed Council members a graphic that Three Rivers Wet Weather had presented at the last CONNECT meeting indicating water flow and overflow in the sewer system. Out of 70 billion gallons that flows to ALCOSAN, only 22.5 billion gallons is actual sewage. It is estimated that approximately 7.5 billion gallons is storm water and 40 billion gallons is ground water infiltration. Discussion continued regarding some of the work that must be completed as part of the consent decree.

Mr. Sampogna outlined a number of upcoming CONNECT meetings and seminars that he hoped some Council members might be able to attend.

B. Mr. Sampogna said that the Pennsylvania Municipal League Southwest District would be holding its annual meeting in Indiana, Pennsylvania on April 12th and he and Mr. Montz plan to attend.

C. Mr. Sampogna hoped that a borough clean-up day could be scheduled this year.

D. Mr. Tintori reported that Local Government Academy is holding its annual graduation and dinner on March 24th and Council members are invited to attend.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT - Mr. Molinaro

In Mr. Molinaro's absence this evening, there was no Solicitor's report.

MANAGER'S REPORT - Mr. Montz

A. Mr. Montz said that with the mild winter this year, the borough must still purchase approximately 1200 tons of salt by July 30, 2016 as part of its contract. The borough must also decide how much salt to purchase for next winter and there should be some savings. Additionally, the borough has saved money in overtime costs with fewer snow events this past winter.

B. Mr. Montz said that the borough is working with the Historical Society to create an historical walking tour of the history of the borough with new informational signs and a map.

- C. Mr. Montz said the borough has obtained a lease from the railroad for the small parcel of land in Rook at Noblestown. It should be placed on April's agenda.
- D. Mr. Montz said that a resident had suggested creating a "safe space" for people to be able to exchange items for online sales and he and Chief Cleary had discussed creating a space in the rear parking lot of the Municipal Center since it is under video surveillance. It can also be a place for custodial exchanges. Signs will be installed in the near future. Discussion continued regarding the details of this service.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion:

Mr. Panza made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lindsey, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mark Sampogna, President

W. David Montz, Manager

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