

**BOROUGH OF GREEN TREE
COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 11, 2016**

Call to Order / Silence for Meditation / Pledge of Allegiance

Green Tree Borough Council met on Monday, July 11, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. in the Green Tree Municipal Center, 10 West Manilla Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Mr. Sampogna reported that Council had held an Executive Session prior to this meeting where they had discussed personnel and real estate matters.

Mr. Sampogna noted that that draped chair and candle in the room were in memory of the borough's departed friend, Mr. Carl Dupper, who passed away recently. Mr. Dupper was very valuable in his service to the borough over the years.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

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

Also Present:

W. David Montz, Borough Manager
Deborah N. Gawryla, Stenographer

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

June 6, 2016

Motion:

Mr. Tintori made a motion, seconded by Mr. Novak, to approve the minutes from the June 6, 2016 Council meeting as presented.

Motion carried, with Mr. Lindsey abstaining because he had not attended this meeting.

HEARING OF THE CITIZENS

Chris Short, 251 Parkedge Road

Mrs. Short asked about the status of the installation of a stop sign at the corner of Parkedge and Sheldon. She said she had requested this stop sign in January. Mr. Montz said that, by definition, that intersection does not warrant a stop sign.

MAYOR'S REPORT - Mayor Schenck

1. Mayor Schenck expressed his condolences regarding the passing of borough resident Mr. Carl Dupper.
2. Mayor Schenck said he had held Mayor's Office Hours on June. There had been concern about a couple of gravestones that have been overturned and they will be fixed.
3. Mayor Schenck attended the Ramsey plaque dedication in the Municipal Center Park denoting the location of the former Ramsey homestead.

4. Mayor Schenck reported that Green Tree was officially dedicated a Live Well Allegheny community on June 30th at the Green Tree Health & Wellness Fair.
5. Mayor Schenck said that the Green Tree 4th of July Celebration was well attended.
6. The Summer Concert Series recently started this past Thursday. He recommended that everyone try to attend some of the concerts.
7. Mayor Schenck said that the police department's newest officer, Officer Ryan Bacci, is doing an excellent job.
8. The Public Safety Committee will be meeting this Wednesday, June 13th.
9. Mayor Schenck said that the police department recently acquired a bicycle for the department, courtesy of a generous donation by the Moose. The Chief uses the bicycle along Greentree Road and at Wilson Park during Summer Recreation.
10. Mayor Schenck said that the dek hockey court is in bad shape and money has been budgeted for its repair this year.

REPORT OF GREEN TREE BOROUGH COUNCIL COMMITTEES

A. 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 June 2016 invoices from the General Fund totaling \$697,656.97, Capital Projects Fund totaling \$1,775.00, Payroll Account totaling \$350,446.24, and Educational Service Agency totaling \$4,987.66.

Mr. Lorenzini questioned the purchase of a bicycle uniform from M&M Uniforms. Mr. Montz said that purchase was from the grant from the Moose and was in conjunction with the purchase of the police bicycle.

Mr. Lorenzini asked about the Manny's expenditure on the bill sheet. Mr. Montz replied that the Manny's expenditure was for the Senior Citizen picnic that would be held at the end of July.

Mr. Lorenzini asked about the expense for Animal Control on the bill sheet. Mr. Montz said that expenditure covers the borough's costs for animal control services. Animal Control is reimbursed by the call.

Motion carried unanimously.

2. Motion:

Mr. Tintori made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lindsey, to approve payment of the June 2016 invoices from the General Fund totaling \$216,484.62 and Capital Projects totaling \$55,902.19.

Motion carried unanimously.

3. Motion:

Mr. Tintori made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lindsey, to hire one (1) Special School Police Guard under the educational Service Agency Agreement, contingent upon passage of a background check.

Mr. Tintori said this position would fill the position vacated by School Crossing Guard, Mrs. Sylvia Procyk, who retired.

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Ordinance #1756

Amending Ordinance #1750 setting the annual rate of pay and establishing the hourly rate of pay for certain administrative employees of the Borough.

Motion:

Mr. Tintori made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lindsey, to place Ordinance #1756 on first and final reading by title only.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Montz read Ordinance #1756, setting the annual rate of pay and establishing the hourly rate of pay for certain administrative employees of the borough, by title only.

Motion:

Mr. Tintori made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lindsey, to pass Ordinance #1756 on first and final reading by title only.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion:

Mr. Tintori made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lindsey, to authorize the proper officers to sign Ordinance #1756 and that it be advertised according to law.

Motion carried unanimously.

5. Ordinance #1757

Fixing the salaries of certain summer borough employment positions.

Motion:

Mr. Tintori made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lindsey, to place Ordinance #1757 on first and final reading by title only.

Mr. Lorenzini asked who was the Recreation/Octoberfest Liaison. Mr. Montz replied that it was Ms. Janice Adamski in the Administrative Office.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion:

Mr. Tintori made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lindsey, to pass Ordinance #1757 on first and final reading by title only.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion:

Mr. Tintori made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lindsey, to authorize the proper officers to sign Ordinance #1757 and that it be advertised according to law.

Motion carried unanimously.

6. General Report

(a) Mr. Tintori said he had attended the Green Tree Health and Wellness Fair on June 30th. He said it was a very enjoyable event.

(b) Mr. Tintori said he had attended the first summer concert with Nick Fiasco, who did a great job and was a good performer. He noted that Nick Fisaco would also be performing at the Green Tree Senior Citizens Picnic on July 31st.

(c) Mr. Tintori said the borough received the audit financial statements for 2015.

B. STREETS & PUBLIC HEALTH - Mr. Novak

1. Motion:

Mr. Novak made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lindsey, to authorize the Borough Manager to submit a Letter of Interest to ALCOSAN with regard to the GROW grant for the Poplar Street Sewer Separation Project.

Mr. Sampogna said that he and Mr. Montz had attended an ALCOSAN presentation on the GROW Program. It includes matching funds. The first step in applying for the grant is to submit a letter of interest and that is what is being done. It does not necessarily mean that the borough will receive the grant, only that they are interested in applying. If the borough is successful in getting the grant it would help remove a significant amount of sanitary sewer water flow from the combined sewer that the city utilizes. Flow monitoring is currently underway and that will help provide a number of statistics that would be included in the grant application.

Mr. Tintori asked what the section regarding "green revitalization of our waterways" meant. Mr. Montz said it does not necessarily mean the "greening" of a land, but can mean sewer separation of the waterways. Mr. Novak said the amount of money

received from the grant depends upon the cost of the separation. Discussion continued regarding the details of the grant.

Motion carried unanimously.

2. 2016 Street Paving Program

Motion:

Mr. Novak made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lindsey, to authorize the Borough Manager to advertise for bids for the 2016 street paving program.

Mr. Montz said that many of the borough streets held up better over the winter than anticipated. Additionally, the water company will be paving a larger portion of the Ringold area than initially anticipated, which will save the borough money for paving.

Mr. Montz said that Mr. Novak has been talking to members of the COG about the possibility of going in for a joint community bid in an effort to reduce paving costs. Discussion continued about the street paving program.

Motion carried unanimously.

C. RECREATION & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS - Mr. Panza

1. ALOM - License Plate Readers

Mr. Panza said a recent discussion at ALOM (Allegheny League of Municipalities) had been about the elimination of the stickers on the backs of license plates. Along with this, the state has an unfunded mandate requiring police cars to have automatic license readers. Although Green Tree does have an automatic license reader, there are many communities that will not be able to afford such a device. Mr. Montz noted that Green Tree does not have automatic license readers in every police car. Mr. Panza said that none of the ALOM members he spoke to felt that mandating automatic license readers in police vehicles was a good idea and many communities cannot afford such an expense. Mr. Panza suggested that the borough write a letter to the state indicating opposition to this issue. Another suggestion was for the state to pay for municipal license plate readers from the funds they will be saving from the elimination of the stickers. Discussion continued regarding this issue.

2. Mr. Panza reminded everyone that July 20th was Family Fun Wing Night at Wilson Park Pool.

D. PUBLIC PROPERTY & EQUIPMENT - Mr. Rea

1. General Report

(a) Mr. Rea reported that he and Mr. Montz had met again with the school district to discuss the property behind Aiken School. An initial offer was made and the borough is waiting to hear from the school district.

(b) Mr. Rea said that Wilson Park Pool is fully operational and being well used. A minor repair to the thermostat in the pool's heater needed to be made. New ropes for the pool's swimming lanes were added and repairs were made to the pool's vacuum.

(c) Mr. Lorenzini asked about the request for a sound barrier from a family living near Hale Park. Mr. Montz said he had an estimate for a barrier, but wanted to talk to

another municipality that has actually purchased and used such a barrier to gauge its effectiveness. Discussion about the Hale Park renovations continued.

(d) Mr. Lorenzini said the mulch is dirty and there are weeds in Rook Park. Mr. Montz said he would contact Public Works to correct these issues.

(e) Mr. Lindsey asked if the installation of a wall along the Greentree Road Cemetery had been budgeted. Mr. Montz said he would put it in next year's budget.

E. PLANNING & ZONING - Mr. Lorenzini

1. Set Public Hearing Date for CU-02-16

Applicant, Boos Development, LLC, requesting conditional use approval from Council regarding the construction of a Burger King Restaurant located at 2379 Noblestown Road.

After a discussion, Council agreed to set the public hearing for CU-02-16 at 7:30 p.m. on August 1, 2016.

Motion:

Mr. Lorenzini made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rea, to set the public hearing for CU-02-16, applicant, Boos Development, LLC for Monday, August 1, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Lorenzini felt there might be additional considerations with this development and Planning Commission was only meeting with the applicant for an advisory discussion on Wednesday. He requested that the public hearing be held at Council's September meeting instead.

Motion carried, with Mr. Lorenzini voting "No."

2. Zoning Hearing Board

Mr. Lorenzini said there was a Zoning Hearing Board meeting on July 7 regarding a variance for the requirements of a six-foot fence in the residential district. He has not heard a decision on this issue yet.

Boos Development also went in front of the Zoning Hearing Board with four variances. Three variances were granted, and one regarding a dual drive-thru was denied. Boos Development has filed an appeal with Common Pleas Court regarding the variance that was denied. Discussion continued regarding the details of the appeal.

3. Planning Commission

Mr. Lorenzini reported that Planning Commission would be meeting on July 13th to discuss the site plan and conditional use applications from Boos Development regarding the construction of a Burger King on Noblestown Road.

4. General Report

(a) Mr. Lorenzini stated that Council's continuing review of the proposed zoning ordinance would be held on Monday, July 25th at 7:30 p.m. He asked Council members to check their schedules so another review session could be scheduled for August. Discussion continued regarding the proposed zoning ordinance.

- (b) Mr. Lorenzini said that the borough found four AirBnB rentals in Green Tree. He detailed how the borough handled them.
- (c) Demolition of the apartment buildings near Aiken School and the Holiday Inn Express has started.
- (d) When asked, Mr. Montz reported that the demolition in Rook is underway. He said he would check on the progress of this demolition.

F. PUBLIC SAFETY - Mr. Lindsey

1. Resolution #1233

Authorize proper officers to execute agreement for Sinc-Up Regional Traffic Signal Program.

Mr. Lindsey stated that this program would provide a traffic upgrade to the signalization along Greentree Road. The borough has received grant money to assist with the cost of this program.

Motion:

Mr. Lindsey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Novak, to adopt Resolution #1233 by title only.

Mr. Montz read Resolution #1233 by title only.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion carried unanimously.

- 2. Mr. Lindsey said the annual Green Tree Volunteer Fire Company's picnic is on Saturday at Wilson Park from 1:00 to 7:00 p.m.

LIAISON REPORTS

A. MRTSA - Mr. Montz

Mr. Montz had nothing to report at this time.

B. Char West COG - Mr. Novak

Mr. Novak said the guest speaker at the most recent COG meeting was Mr. Dan Cessna from PennDOT District #11. PennDOT District #11 is responsible for 2,570 miles of roads, 1800 bridges, and takes care of millions of dollars in annual projects. The I-376/I-79 construction project should be completed by August. Mr. Cessna also spoke about other PennDOT projects, such as the West Carson Street project. He noted that volunteers run PennDOT's highway beautification program, which saves approximately \$7 million in taxpayer funding. Mr. Novak said he asked Mr. Cessna about the possible installation of a sound barrier along Parkedge and was told that PennDOT had run out of funds.

C. Library - Mr. Sampogna

Mr. Sampogna said that Library Board met on June 21st and discussed ideas for the library's Oktoberfest booth. The library will be hold a "Month of Giving" in September with matching funds donated by the Jack Buncher Foundation. The Library Board discussed the possibility of doing a 3D printer program, but decided against it.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Mr. Sampogna

A. Mr. Sampogna reported the installation of the plaque noting the former Ramsey residence in the location of the Municipal Center Park. Mr. Sampogna hoped that the plaque program could be expanded to create a walking tour of Green Tree along Greentree Road. There is already a plaque at the location of the former sycamore tree, and other plaques could be placed at Sodini Parklet, the Nature Center entrance, and other locations. The Historical Society has taken on that project.

B. CONNECT

Mr. Sampogna said CONNECT held an executive meeting on June 23rd with a presentation from Mr. Jim Schlosser who spoke about 2017 electricity purchase and renewables. Mr. Breen Masciotra from the Port Authority gave a service report for 2015 and a budget review. The CONNECT finances were also discussed at the executive meeting. CONNECT's funding is secure for the next two years.

C. Mr. Sampogna stated that he and Mr. Montz had attended the ALCOSAN meeting regarding the GROW program.

D. Mr. Sampogna said he had attended the Three Rivers Wet Weather meeting on June 21st where representatives from ALCOSAN, PWSA, Conservation District, and CONNECT had attended. He detailed a number of the items that had been discussed at this meeting.

E. Mr. Sampogna reported that Green Tree's Summer Concert Series started last Thursday. Tony Janflone will be performing this coming Thursday, July 14th, sponsored by the Green Tree Woman's Civic Club. He said that additional sponsors are needed for the concerts. Mr. Lorenzini said he would be interested in becoming a sponsor next year.

F. Mr. Sampogna said the recent Live Well Health & Wellness Fair had been successful and Green Tree formally became a Live Well Allegheny community. He thanked Recreation Director, Mrs. Jen Mathie, for the outstanding job she did in pulling this event together. Mr. Sampogna said that he would like to see the installation of an electronic sign along Greentree Road to advertise upcoming events, but it cannot be done unless there is a change in the zoning ordinance allowing such signs. Mr. Montz said that feedback from nearby municipalities that had allowed electronic signs had been mostly negative, with some communities saying it was one of the worst things they ever permitted. If it is regulated for only municipal and church purposes, the businesses will also want electronic signs. Discussion continued regarding electronic signage.

MANAGER'S REPORT - Mr. Montz

A. Mr. Montz said the borough has been tracking the number of dead deer throughout the borough. There have been six dead deer reported this month with only one of those six being caused by an accident.

B. Recreation

Recreation programs are going great with 94 out of 100 tickets sold for the recent Pirates game. The new bus company that was used provided excellent service. The 4th of July Celebration was well attended. Summer Recreation currently has 170 children registered, and Mrs. Jen Mathie negotiated with the local Ace Hardware to attend several sessions and sponsor crafts for the children. Residents seem to be pleased with the program. Mr. Montz read the following email that was sent to the borough about Summer Recreation:

"My daughter is in the Summer Recreation Program for the first time. I just wanted to say to all who put this together that it is fantastic! Thank you for all the work that you put in with the kids and fun activities and pool days you offer. Thank you, Green Tree, for making it affordable. Quite frankly, the price is unbelievable for the length of time and all the stuff they do. Please send an extra thank you to all the great people who do this for the kids in the summer. It makes me proud to be a Green Tree resident."

Mr. Sampogna noted that he had heard from a resident who thanked the Chief of Police for attending Summer Recreation's drop-off every morning.

The Green Tree Senior Citizens Picnic will be held on Sunday, July 31st in the Sycamore Room.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Mark Sampogna, President

W. David Montz, Manager

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