

**BOROUGH OF GREEN TREE
COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 7, 2017**

Call to Order / Silence for Meditation / Pledge of Allegiance

Green Tree Borough Council met on Monday, August 7, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. in the Green Tree Municipal Center, 10 West Manilla Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

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

Also Present:

W. David Montz, Borough Manager
Peter Molinaro, Jr., Borough Solicitor
Louis A. Casadei, P.E., Borough Engineer
Colin Cleary, Chief of Police
Deborah N. Gawryla, Stenographer

Absent:

David Lorenzini

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

June 26, 2017

Motion:

Mr. Tintori made a motion, seconded by Mr. Novak, to approve the June 26, 2017 minutes as presented.

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

July 10, 2017

Motion:

Mr. Lindsey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Novak, to approve the July 10, 2017 minutes with the following correction:

p.1 - Add the word "minutes" to the approval of the June 5, 2017 minutes.

Motion carried, with Mr. Tintori and Mr. Rea abstaining because they had not attended this meeting.

July 24, 2017

Mr. Tintori made a motion, seconded by Mr. Novak, to approve the July 24, 2017 minutes as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

HEARING OF THE CITIZENS

Mr. Sampogna said that there are some citizens present at the meeting who are not residents of the Borough of Green Tree. He said it is the borough's prerogative to allow non-residents to speak. He said that only one member from each family would be permitted to speak for a maximum of two minutes. If there are any uncivil or personal attacks that will be the end of the testimony.

Nicole Cawley, 1491 Daleland

Ms. Cawley asked if an independent traffic study had been done regarding the traffic changes being presented in Ordinance #1777. She asked how the study had been conducted and what had been done to determine these changes. She felt it was unsafe for both Green Tree and city residents leaving the Avacoll area during the 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. hours to have to make a left-hand turn off of Pocono onto Greentree Road since the ordinance will not permit left hand turns from Avacoll onto Carnahan. She felt the number of accidents would increase and said that the left-hand turn onto Carnahan from Avacoll was a safer turn than forcing residents to make a left-hand turn from Pocono onto Greentree Road, then turning again onto Carnahan.

Ms. Cawley said she understood that Avacoll residents want to reduce the number traveling on their road, but she said it is not as important as risking a life by forcing a left-hand turn onto Greentree Road. She said that the residents on Daleland are residents of the community of Banksville, but cannot easily get to Banksville or any of their community businesses because of this traffic change.

Brian Baranowski, 52 Pocono Drive

Mr. Baranowski agreed with Ms. Cawley's statements about the prohibition of turns from Avacoll onto Carnahan. He said that the two Greentree Road lanes moving away from town are usually backed up past Pocono from 3:00 to 7:00. This change makes it more difficult for a Pocono resident to make a left-hand turn onto Greentree Road then another left-hand turn onto Carnahan to get down to Banksville Road. This also adds additional traffic onto Greentree Road and creates a more dangerous situation.

Mr. Baranowski felt that the left-hand turn from Avacoll onto Carnahan was not an accident-prone area and traffic can safely get out of Avacoll onto Carnahan at that location. He asked what had prompted this turn prohibition. He said there are 127 homes on all of the streets that connect with Avacoll and Pocono and there are only two access points in and out for all these residents and one of these access points would be unavailable for a number of hours each day. He felt it would be safer to keep both access points open.

Jim Goehring, 51 Pocono Drive

Mr. Goehring said he has lived on Pocono for 28 years and one of the reasons he purchased his property was because of the easy access to Banksville Road, the Parkway, and Route 51. The last time the borough decided to place restrictions on travel between Pocono and Avacoll there had been a public hearing. This time there was no public hearing and he was unaware of the proposed turning changes until he saw a sign posted about it last week.

Mr. Goehring said he did not see how restricting a left-hand turn from Avacoll onto Carnahan is dangerous. He said if the issue is because of too much traffic on Avacoll, it will only force the traffic out onto Greentree Road and it will not be alleviated. Mr. Goehring said he travels on Avacoll almost every day, sometimes several times during the hours that the left-hand turn would be prohibited, and he did not feel there was much traffic on Avacoll during those hours. He said that most of the traffic on Greentree Road does not cut through Avacoll during those hours either.

Mr. Goehring said he purchased his house on Pocono, which is a dead-end street, because he did not want flow-through traffic. Other people did not purchase homes on a dead-end street and now they want to change the rules.

Monica Baranowski, 150 Orchard Spring Road

Mrs. Baranowski said that although her residence is in Scott Township, she grew up on Daleland and lived there for 40 years. There was never a problem with traffic in this area.

Mr. Sampogna said that Mrs. Baranowski was part of the family that had spoken earlier and he had previously stated that only one member from each family could speak. Mrs. Baranowski said that although she was related, she had a separate address and household.

Gary Baranowski

Mr. Baranowski said that although he was related he was not direct family. He asked what was the rationale behind the ordinance to prohibit turns from Avacoll onto Carnahan. He said he does not see any value in restricting the left-hand turn. The residents on Daleland and others commuting to the Banksville area via that access on Avacoll feel that this ordinance does not make sense. For these residents to have to turn onto Greentree Road to go around and get down to the Banksville area seems cumbersome.

Mr. Baranowski asked if any other provisions could be considered instead of the prohibition of the left-hand turn from Avacoll onto Carnahan. He asked what the reason was for implementing this turn prohibition in the first place. Mr. Sampogna said he would get to that.

Don Folkmire, 1006 Avacoll Drive

Mr. Folkmire said that the people who had spoken have no idea how much traffic goes down Avacoll and how people must walk on the grass if walking their dog down the road. He said his daughter cannot walk to the bus stop because she is in fear of being run over. Cars speed on Avacoll and there are 1,000 cars a day that come down Avacoll. Mr. Folkmire said he has been after this change for three years. He got the residents on Avacoll Drive to sign a petition regarding the speeding and traffic concerns. They had discussed the possibility of installing speed humps, but it was decided the speed humps were not the way to go. Instead they chose to restrict turning during high traffic hours.

Mr. Folkmire said that he was sorry that some people would be inconvenienced. The Avacoll residents had a meeting with the Borough Manager and they agreed they would be inconvenienced by not being permitted to make a left, but realized that there are other restrictions throughout the borough. The restrictions are for safety and it is what is best for the neighborhood. Although it is difficult to make a left-hand turn from Pocono onto Greentree Road, it is what is best for the neighborhood. Mr. Folkmire said he wants to be able to walk his dog and not have to put cones out on the street when he cuts his grass so he is not run over.

Cheryl Kocay, 200 Sheldon Avenue

Ms. Kocay said that her parents live at 1497 Daleland. She had attended last month's meeting when the changes on Avacoll and Pocono had been discussed. She had listened last month and thought of the difficulty of making a left-hand turn off of Pocono onto Greentree Road and felt it would be extremely unsafe. She said there are bushes along the house in that area that are not cut that block some of the visibility. Ms. Kocay said that it didn't matter what time of day a vehicle wanted to make a left-hand turn onto Greentree Road from Pocono, it is always a dangerous situation.

Ms. Kocay said she had lived on Daleland since 1972 and she has been very much aware of the streets and traffic in that area for years. She said she understands what the Avacoll residents are saying, but felt that this change would not only be inconvenient, but scary and unsafe. It is difficult to make left-hand turns onto Greentree Road and said she concurred with the Daleland residents who do not want to see this ordinance put in place.

Mr. Sampogna stated that the decision to implement this ordinance restricting left-hand turns from Avacoll onto Carnahan was not a decision that was made lightly. Council and the Public Safety Committee discussed this issue at length and it was not a rush to judgment. The issue of traffic on Avacoll Drive was brought to Council's attention by a resident last year, then in May of this year the resident returned with a petition that was signed by nearly all of the residents on Avacoll requesting that something be done. Subsequent to those requests, a comprehensive traffic study was done that revealed to Council that the problem was worse than imagined. For one sampling period, traffic volume averaged 220 more vehicles per day on working days than on weekends. During a second sampling period, weekday traffic increased by a average of 385 vehicles. On one day alone, 31 cars violated the existing 7:00 to 9:00 a.m. no right turn from Carnahan onto Avacoll. The borough's study also showed that between 21-33% of the vehicles traveling on Avacoll exceeded the 25 mph limit. Upon review of the study, the Borough Manager met with the Avacoll residents to discuss potential solutions and Council then reviewed and evaluated these discussions. Residents of Daleland, which is a dead-end street, are fortunate to be allowed to walk their pets and allow their children to play in the street in a relatively safe manner. Council recognizes that Avacoll will always carry a larger volume of traffic, but Avacoll residents who live there are no less deserving of a safe and healthy environment. There are many one-way streets and traffic restrictions within the city and elsewhere that inconvenience thousands of drivers every day. Mr. Sampogna felt that these new restrictions, coupled with increased enforcement, would give some relief to these residents while not unduly burdening anyone. Should the desired results not be achieved, Council will look at additional options. Council will reduce cut-through traffic and reduce speeding.

Mr. Novak asked how many vehicles were traveling through Avacoll on a daily basis based on the study that had been done a number of years ago. Mr. Montz said on a weekly basis there had been approximately 1200 cars on average per day.

Mr. Lindsey said that these types of turning prohibitions exist in other places in the community and he did not see these changes being any different than those. If people are only inconvenienced for a few hours during the day, Monday through Friday, he did not see that being a large restriction. It is not like the turn was being outlawed entirely, but it is to get rid of rush hour cut-through traffic and increase the safety for the residents of Avacoll who are entitled to that as taxpayers of the community.

MAYOR'S REPORT - Mayor Schenck

Mayor Schenck asked the residents on both sides of this issue to calm down. He said he tries to see both sides of the issue and it can be a tough call. There is the safety issue on Avacoll versus the safety of making a left-hand turn from Pocono onto Greentree Road. There are two legitimate safety concerns to be considered. Mayor Schenck said he often visits the BP at the corner of Pocono and Greentree Road and he knows how difficult the left-hand turn onto Greentree Road can be, but he knows about the speeding and traffic on Avacoll, too. He said it is a tough decision with no right or wrong answer and there is safety to consider on both sides of this issue. Council has decided to pursue the safety issue in one direction.

PRESENTATION**MS4 POLLUTION REDUCTION PLAN - Mr. Louis A. Casadei, P.E., Borough Engineer**

Mr. Louis Casadei, Borough Engineer, and Mr. James E. Stanton, P.E., Assistant Vice President/Principal for Lennon, Smith, Souleret Engineering, Inc., presented Green Tree's Pollution Reduction Plan (PRP). Mr. Stanton said that every municipality in Pennsylvania is having a similar discussion about proposed pollution reduction plans. The borough has to submit a Pollution Reduction Plan by September 17, 2017 to obtain a five-year permit to discharge stormwater. It must address two items: siltation and nutrients (nitrogen and phosphorus). Mr. Stanton said the requirements for the permit that require a minimum reduction of pollutant loading for sediment and total phosphorus. Sediment shall have a 10% reduction and phosphorus shall have a 5% reduction during the permit cycle. Mr. Stanton said that if a community achieves a 10% reduction in sediment, by right there would be more than a 5% reduction in phosphorus. Therefore, the primary pollutant of concern is sediment that needs to be reduced by March 2023 as proposed in the PRP. Mr. Stanton outlined how the calculations would be determined using watersheds in the South Hills of Pittsburgh and various ways of reducing pollutants into these waterways. Each municipality will apply a comprehensive approach and technique appropriate to the specific site(s), creating long-term stability to streambeds, banks, and flood plains.

Mr. Casadei said that the borough's pollution reduction plan requires that it go through a public 30-day review process. The plan is available for review on the borough's website (www.greentreeboro.com) and at the Green Tree Administrative Office with requests for public input and comments on the proposed plan. Mr. Casadei said that for the past 15 years these plans have been focused on public education and outreach, sampling of sewers to determine illicit discharge or cross-contamination from flushing to the storm sewer into the sanitary sewer, then tracing back these problems and fixing them.

Mr. Stanton said that this upcoming cycle is the first cycle that the DEP requires measurable "brick-and-mortar" projects to remove sediment. By 2023 there are a number of possible projects that can be implemented to reduce sediment and phosphorus. He detailed a number of the projects being considered and projected sedimentation removal and tentative cost. Discussion continued regarding some of the technical details of the proposal and how the calculations would be determined.

Mr. Montz said that Council must review this project and determine how it will be done and funded over a five-year period. He said the borough will strive to keep costs down as much as possible. Mr. Casadei said the borough has been looking at areas that can work together to build water storage areas and not just retention basins, so the collected stormwater can be pumped back up for use in the borough fields and used for other types of irrigation. It is just a part of the high-level designs that must be reviewed, calculations to be made, and details laid out to make it workable. Discussion continued regarding the pollution reduction plan and how it will be quantified.

Mr. Stanton said that the details of the specifics for municipal funding and meeting DEP requirements are not all clear. Questions are still pending regarding whether municipalities exceeding the required percentage of removal sediment and phosphorus in this upcoming permit cycle would be considered as being approved for future permit cycles. Mr. Montz said it

is also still unclear what will happen to municipalities that do not meet the requirements during this cycle and how it will be enforced.

Mr. Stanton said that the plan is now available during the 30-day comment period, ending on August 31, 2017. The PRP must be submitted by September 16, 2017. The plan that is submitted does not necessarily have to be implemented if the municipality finds a more cost-effective way to comply. The plan can be revised within the five-year cycle.

Mr. Montz said that Council would be voting on the proposed Pollution Reduction Plan at the September 11, 2017 meeting, but the PRP is a living document that can be revised and updated as needed. Discussion continued regarding the details of the PRP.

Mr. Stanton said there is no timeline for the PRP to be implemented during these five years, but it needs to be completed by 2023. The PRP is the first step towards many additional discussions and plans for pollution reduction and project funding. He presented different possible scenarios that could occur in 2018 after the next permit cycle begins.

Mr. Montz said that Green Tree has two possible projects in mind for pollution reduction and he felt confident that the DEP would approve them. The first would be a creative design for stream renovation. Details of possible plans were discussed.

Mr. Montz said the public review of the plan would continue through the end of August. Council would then be voting on the Pollution Reduction Plan at the September 11, 2017 meeting for submission to the DEP.

Presentation of New Aiken Elementary School Principal

Mr. Sampogna welcomed Aiken's new principal, Mr. Dave Thomas, who was attending the Council meeting. Mr. Thomas just recently started at Aiken.

Mr. Thomas said he wanted to attend the meeting in order for Council to be able to put a name with a face when discussing anything with Aiken Elementary. He said he was very excited to begin the new school year at Aiken. Prior to becoming a principal, he had been a fourth grade teacher, and one of the units covered was regarding land and water. He said he had learned a lot from the previous pollution reduction plan presentation.

Mr. Thomas said he appreciated everything Council does for the community and he hoped the connection between Aiken and the borough could be made stronger. Mr. Panza said he was glad that the borough still had Aiken Elementary School.

MAYOR'S REPORT (continued) - Mayor Schenck

- A.** Mayor Schenck said he would like to have a presentation at the September 11th meeting on redistricting and gerrymandering. There is an organization that would provide a presentation on these issues. He said it would be a good topic for Council to have more information on since there will be an upcoming amendment being considered by the state. He asked that this item be added to the September 11th Council agenda.

- B.** Mayor Schenck said that he, Mr. Lorenzini, and Mr. Montz recently presented the Key to the Borough to Rodgers Insurance Agency that has been in Green Tree for 60 years.

- C. Mayor Schenck said that the police department has been doing an excellent job enforcing traffic and speeding issues throughout the borough.

REPORT OF BOROUGH COUNCIL COMMITTEES

A. PLANNING & ZONING - Mr. Lorenzini

1. Mr. Montz stated that since Council has reviewed the draft of the proposed zoning ordinance, he would be providing Council with section-by-section revisions made by Council. He hoped that it could be completed soon so an official public meeting could be advertised.

B. 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 July 2017 invoices from the General Fund totaling \$85,599.57 and Payroll Account totaling \$295,076.54.

Motion carried unanimously.

2. Motion:

Mr. Tintori made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lindsey, to approve payment of the August 2017 invoices from the General Fund totaling \$83,102.27, Sanitary Sewer Maintenance Fund totaling \$126.21, and Capital Projects totaling \$7,085.00.

Motion carried unanimously.

C. STREETS & PUBLIC HEALTH - Mr. Novak

1. Mr. Novak reported that an 18" storm sewer line recently broke by Foster Plaza. Mr. Montz said repairs to this storm sewer will cost \$128,000. The break occurred several weeks ago during a large storm in the area when a metal corrugated pipe corroded. Mr. Montz said that over the winter months the Borough Engineer would be reviewing maps of the borough's storm sewer system to determine what areas have storm sewers made of corrugated metal. Once these areas have been determined, the borough will begin inspecting them to determine their condition and possibly get ahead of these types of projects before there is a collapse. He detailed some of the different methods that could be utilized that could be cheaper to fix if they are done before a collapse occurs. Mr. Montz said he would provide Council with a report on these areas sometime next spring.

D. PUBLIC PROPERTY & EQUIPMENT - Mr. Rea

1. Bid - Retaining Wall and Concrete Slab Replacement at Wilson Park Pool

Mr. Rea said that the stone wall separating the upper and lower patios at the pool is in disrepair and would be replaced once the pool closes for the season. Although the wall is still stable, the entire wall will be replaced along the length of the pool. Additionally, the upper level concrete patio will be replaced and the grassy area around the kiddie pool will be increased.

Mr. Rea said that two bids were received for this work with the difference between the two bids being \$1,400. The low bid was from Casper Colosimo & Son for \$127,990.00.

Motion:

Mr. Rea made a motion, seconded by Mr. Novak, to award the bid for the retaining wall and concrete slab replacement at Wilson Park Pool to Casper Colosimo & Son for a total of \$127,990.00.

Mayor Schenck asked if the Borough Engineer had reviewed the bids. Mr. Rea said that the Borough Engineer had reviewed the bids and they were all in order.

Mr. Montz said that both contractors that bid on this project are good contractors and he felt that the borough had received good bids judging by the closeness in the amounts of the bids. Mr. Montz said that one of the bidders had stated that he was highly impressed with the Borough Engineer's pre-construction meetings that are a mandatory requirement for construction bids. The meetings take the bidders to the sites and go over the details of the work to be done.

Motion carried unanimously.

2. Mr. Rea said that there was a grove of oak trees in the Nature Center that was dying. Public Works has taken a sample of the trees and sent it to the Penn State Agricultural Extension to be tested to determine if it was a possible fungus that could be devastating to the forest.
3. Mr. Rea said that the Hollow Oak Land Trust partnered with the Girl Scouts to implement some improvements to the Nature Center and anticipate a full report coming soon.

E. RECREATION & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS - Mr. Panza

1. Mr. Panza said the Recreation Committee of Council met to review the construction plans of the Parkway West to determine if there had been any increase in the vertical or horizontal overall layout of the highway. However, the blueprints received from PennDOT were the older copies and newer copies are needed to make this determination. Mr. Panza said he hoped that the Borough Manager would be able to obtain newer plans from PennDOT in the near future.

F. PUBLIC SAFETY - Mr. Lindsey

1. **Ordinance #1777**
Regulating left turn onto Carnahan Road and right turns onto Avacoll Drive during certain hours Monday through Friday.

Motion:

Mr. Lindsey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Novak, to place Ordinance #1777 on first and final reading by title only.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Molinaro read Ordinance #1777 by title only.

Motion:

Mr. Lindsey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Novak, to pass Ordinance #1777 on first and final reading by title only.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion:

Mr. Lindsey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Novak, to authorize the proper officers to sign Ordinance #1777 and that it be advertised according to law.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Lindsey said that he hoped the passage of this ordinance would help the residents of Avacoll Drive.

2. Resolution #1244

Authorizing the proper officers to execute grant/reimbursement agreement with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) for the 2016 Green Light Go Program for PA121 and SR3101 Green Tree Traffic Signal Improvement Project in the amount of \$243,360.00.

Mr. Montz said that the borough was awarded this grant about two months ago, but it is not a grant that the borough has received before. This grant will include a total upgrade of the reversible lane signals on Greentree Road. There is another grant that will address the traffic signal synchronization on Greentree Road from the Sync-Up Program.

Mr. Sampogna asked about the timing on the signals at Carnahan and Greentree Road. Mr. Montz said it has been looked at and seems to be working better than before. This light will be included in the Sync-Up review to help move traffic more, but traffic engineers have indicated that the Carnahan area is a location where traffic seems to become bottlenecked.

Mr. Montz said that the reversible lane signals have not been upgraded in over 30 years. The borough was fortunate to get this grant and the new, upgraded reversible lane signals will be LEDs with better visibility and savings in energy costs. He hoped that the brighter lane signals would not create problems for motorists safely seeing the traffic lights at intersections, but he anticipated that additional strobes in the traffic lights might be needed to make the traffic lights more visible.

Mr. Montz hoped that this item could be sent back to the state and go out to bid early enough to allow for installation of the new lane change signals in the spring of 2018.

Mr. Sampogna noted that although the borough has gotten the grant for the Sync Up Program for traffic signals along Greentree Road, the borough is still several years away from it actually being implemented.

Motion:

Mr. Lindsey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Novak, to adopt Resolution #1244 by title only.

Mr. Molinaro read Resolution #1244 by title only.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion carried unanimously.

3. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) - Keystone Oaks School District outlining Green Tree Police Law Enforcement Authority Policy and Procedures on School Property.

Mr. Lindsey said that the MOU covered situations when the Green Tree Police would need to respond on Keystone Oaks School property. This would probably apply mostly to Aiken Elementary in Green Tree. The MOU is updated every few years or as needed. The Borough Solicitor had provided some changes to the MOU that did not conflict with the current rules and regulations of the Green Tree Police Department.

Mr. Montz stated that of the three municipalities comprising the Keystone Oaks School District, Green Tree is the only municipality that has never signed the boilerplate MOU that the state has provided because the borough feels that it restricts the officers in their ability to provide law enforcement. When the police must respond to an incident at a school it is dealt with in the same way as it would be in the community. He said that just because an incident takes place on school property, the borough does not feel it should be treated differently. Discussion continued regarding the details of the MOU.

Mr. Montz said that there is no mandate requiring the borough to sign such an agreement, but there is a mandate for the school district to obtain such an agreement. Mr. Montz said the he and the Solicitor have reviewed the revised MOU and neither of them feel that it restricts the police department in any way.

Mr. Molinaro stated that attached to Council's packet documents was a copy of his letter to the school district's solicitor. Although the letter was dated in July when the document was created and forwarded to the borough, it has not yet been released and sent to the school district. He said that date would be changed once the agreement is executed.

Motion:

Mr. Lindsey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Novak, to execute the Memorandum of Understanding to the Keystone Oaks School District outlining Green Tree Police Law Enforcement Authority Policy and Procedures on school property, based upon the Borough Solicitor's changes and letter to the school district.

Motion carried unanimously.

2. Mr. Lindsey reported that the Green Tree Volunteer Fire Company held its annual picnic on July 29th. The GTVFC and the Green Tree Police Department held National Night Out on August 1st at the fire hall.
3. Mr. Lindsey said that the Sportman's Bash is coming up on September 9th. Tickets are still available.

LIAISON REPORTS

A. MRTSA - Mr. Montz

Mr. Montz reported that MRTSA will be providing the borough with its annual budget request, but it is following MRTSA's two-year plan that was submitted to the municipalities last year. There is nothing over or above what was projected to be done in the plan.

B. Char West COG - Mr. Novak

Mr. Novak had nothing to report at this time.

C. Library - Mr. Sampogna

- (1) Mr. Sampogna said the Library Director reported that the Allegheny County Library Association (ACLA) has requested a 3% increase in funding from the Regional Asset District. The Director also debuted a new format for presenting circulation and program attendance statistics, which provides better information to the Library Board.
- (2) Mr. Sampogna said the Library sponsored last week's Concert in the Park featuring the Riversong String Ensemble and the Friends of the Library provided free popcorn and water at the event.
- (3) Tomorrow evening the library will host the annual Summer Reading Pool Party at Wilson Park Pool from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Pizza and drinks will be provided and prizes will be given to those completing their summer reading goals.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Mr. Sampogna

- A. Mr. Sampogna said he visited Alorica at 9 Parkway Center in mid-July. They have since signed on a new client and will be hiring up to 200 new employees at the Green Tree location by the end of the year.
- B. Mr. Sampogna said he had attended a CONNECT meeting on July 20th where representatives of PA One Call and their software company demonstrated the new Coordinate PA website for coordinating excavating and road resurfacing work with the utility companies. A demo website is available and they expect to have phase one rolled out within the next four to six weeks.

A CMU professor spoke to CONNECT about a new course they are conducting called Computing for Good, where graduate and undergraduate students from multiple disciplines and departments work on projects and partnership with non-profits and governments to design, develop, and deploy technology solutions for real world problems. Mr. Sampogna said that this could be used by the borough, the fire company, the library, the Historical

Society, or any other associated agencies. Any such ideas should be submitted in the next week or two when the new semester begins at CMU.

Mr. Sampogna said that CONNECT received a two-year grant from the R.K. Mellon Foundation to assist 12 previously identified communities in further developing transportation-oriented plans.

Mr. Sampogna said that next Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon CONNECT would be having a private tour of the ALCOSAN facility. Any interested Council member should let Mr. Sampogna know in order to be added to the tour.

- C. Mr. Sampogna thanked the Green Tree Volunteer Fire Company for their picnic and said it was a great time.
- D. This week's Concert in the Park is Jeff Jimerson and Airborne, sponsored by the Green Tree Woman's Civic Club. The next two concerts are the Good Guys Duo on August 17 and RML Jazz on August 31, sponsored by Julian Gray Associates. Weekly concert attendance has been good.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT - Mr. Molinaro

Mr. Molinaro had nothing to report at this time.

MANAGER'S REPORT - Mr. Montz

- A. Mr. Montz said he had mentioned at the last meeting that the borough was interested in applying for a multimodal grant for sidewalks. That grant was submitted at the end of July with the borough applying for almost \$1 million for sidewalks along Mansfield from Holiday Drive to Trumbull Drive, and to rehabilitate sidewalks along Greentree Road as previously discussed. He said he also obtained letters of support from Crowne Plaza and the DoubleTree for this project.

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