

**BOROUGH OF GREEN TREE
COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 5, 2024**

Call to Order / Moment of Silence / Pledge of Allegiance

Green Tree Borough Council met on Monday, February 5, 2024 at 7:30 pm in the Sycamore Room of the Green Tree Municipal Center, 10 West Manilla Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15220. Mr. Tintori noted that Council had met in Executive Session prior to this meeting to discuss legal matters.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Edward Schenck, Mayor
Arthur Tintori, President
Shannon Barron
Ron Panza
David Rea
Craig Romanovich
Emily Schwartz
James Turocy

Also Present:

Judy Miller, Borough Manager
Kate Diersen, Esq., Borough Solicitor
Kim Beck, Stenographer

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

January 2, 2024

Motion:

Mr. Turocy made a motion, seconded by Mr. Romanovich, to approve the January 2, 2024 minutes as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

January 8, 2024

Motion:

Mr. Turocy made a motion, seconded by Mr. Romanovich, to approve the January 8, 2024 minutes as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

HEARING OF THE CITIZENS

Rino Lindsey – 131 Parkedge Road

1. Mr. Lindsey stated that while he was on Council, he was unaware that the public did not receive any documentation regarding items on the agenda. He said that he does not know how citizens are supposed to effectively make public comments on the agenda items without seeing the ordinances or proposed bids prior to the meeting. Mr. Lindsey noted that other communities in the area include the proposed ordinances and other agenda items on the website prior to the meeting. He recommended that the Borough begin including an agenda packet on the website for the public to review before giving their public comment.
2. Mr. Lindsey noted that there is an item on the agenda to execute an agreement with pool services for the swimming pool and asked if a Request for Proposal (RFP) had been drawn up. He said that he would imagine that this amount would exceed the \$23,500 limit and should go to bid according to Pennsylvania law.

3. Mr. Lindsey stated that the Borough has a non-uniform pension fund that goes out all non-uniformed employees, and these funds are distributed into each employee's respective fund on a monthly basis. This allows for more growth over time as opposed to putting the entire year's sum in at the end of the year. Mr. Lindsey said that to his knowledge, the Borough's portion of the police pension fund is all put in at once at the end of the year, rather than monthly. He stated that the Borough has a fiduciary responsibility to keep that fund solid to lessen the burden on the public, and putting money into the funds on a monthly basis rather than once per year would increase overall growth. Ms. Miller stated that the Borough receives the Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) once a year, typically around October. Mr. Lindsey said that the Borough could still put money into these funds periodically throughout the year to help grow the funds faster. Ms. Miller stated that the Borough would not know how much to deposit prior to receiving the yearly MMO.

Kara Martorella – 179 Arla Drive

1. Ms. Martorella said that she has lived in Green Tree for over 36 years and her family frequents the pool. She stated that Green Tree has done an amazing job of making the pool a safe space for the children in the community, not only for the children to be able to play at the pool but also in terms of job opportunities. Ms. Martorella said that she feels as though hiring and keeping a pool manager would give the children in the community the opportunity to have a safe place to play with their friends while also offering jobs to the children in the community. Her son is turning 14 this Summer and is very excited to have the opportunity to work at the pool. She thanked Council for everything they have done up to this point in keeping the pool as a fantastic place for the community.

Stephanie Sells – 28 Rhodes Avenue

1. Ms. Sells asked if the vacant Pool Manager position had been advertised once the position became vacant in September of 2023. She said that she did not see the position advertised anywhere on the Borough website, Facebook, or on Indeed.
2. Ms. Sells asked if the Borough had done research regarding the Pool Services of Pittsburgh. She said that this company has negative reviews on both Google and Glassdoor. Ms. Sells is also concerned that the minimum hiring age for this company is 15, so the 14-year-olds who want to work at the pool will be turned away.

Matt Cesario – 1134 Greentree Road

1. Mr. Cesario stated that based on his experience on the Keystone Oaks School Board, he is under the impression that the Borough would not be required to send the pool services contract to bid as it would be considered a service. He said that it would have preferred it been sent to bid but did not believe the Borough was legally obligated to do so.
2. Mr. Cesario said that he was surprised to see the Council was considering voting on hiring a pool services company, though he did see that there was a brief discussion about it in the November Council meeting minutes. He stated that he agreed with Mr. Lindsey that the public should have access to the redlined text of a proposed new ordinance prior to the Council meeting. Mr. Cesario said that these documents are provided by the school district prior to any of their public meetings.
3. Mr. Cesario said that he would like to see agendas and minutes for the committee meetings, as he presumes that a lot of this information gets discussed during these meetings.
4. Mr. Cesario stated that he would like the Borough to provide the Council agenda more in advance for residents to have the opportunity to review. He said that he did not see the agenda on the website when he looked on Thursday evening, but it was on the website when he checked again on Sunday. He said that he would like to see the agenda posted by end-of-business on Friday, at the latest, to give residents ample time to review prior to the Monday night meeting.

5. Mr. Cesario noted that he was attending the meeting to gather more information regarding the hiring of a pool manager for the Summer season. He said that everyone he has spoken with in Dormont has had a bad experience with a similar company. During his time on the School Board, Mr. Cesario saw very mixed results with outsourcing. Some experiences were good, and some were bad.
6. Mr. Panza thanked Mr. Cesario for his service on the School Board.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PRESENTATION

Proclamation honoring Daniel Gall for his 15 years of volunteering services for the Borough of Green Tree Farmers Market in the Park.

Mr. Panza read the following proclamation:

WHEREAS, Dan Gall has devoted the past 15 years volunteering for the Farmers Market in the Park; and

WHEREAS, Dan was instrumental in helping work through the steps involved in developing a sustainable farmers market for the Green Tree community which kicked off mid-May of 2008; and

WHEREAS, Dan also volunteers on the Recreation and Communities Activity Board lending a hand at various community events; and

WHEREAS, Dan has been the Commander for the American Legion Post #823 for the past 24 years conducting ceremonies for Memorial Day and Flag Day at the Green Tree War Memorial site. Dan is also Commander of District 36 and oversees activities of several other posts.

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, that the Green Tree Borough Council and Mayor commemorate and congratulate Daniel Gall for his dedication, hard-work, and service-oriented nature, willingly offering his time to support the community.

Mr. Gall thanked Council for this recognition and stated that the volunteers are what makes Green Tree such a great community. He said that the Farmers Market started 15 years ago thanks to Mr. Vince Abbato, Mr. Dave Montz, and Mr. Mark Sampogna. They worked together to form a Farmers Market committee that has consisted of many Green Tree residents over the years. Mr. Gall said that the Farmers Market is an important asset to the community, especially since it allows individuals with an EBT card or WIC benefits to be able to use those benefits to purchase fresh produce in the community. Senior citizens can get certificates each year to purchase produce as well.

Mr. Gall thanked the members of the American Legion who attended the meeting tonight. He said that it is an honor and privilege to work with these gentlemen. They are willing to participate in the numerous events and projects held by the American Legion in the community each year.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Finance and General Policy – Mr. Turocy

1. Motion:

Mr. Turocy made a motion, seconded by Mr. Romanovich, to ratify the actions of the Borough Manager in paying the January 2024 invoices from the General Fund totaling \$67,011.91; Payroll Account totaling \$332,508.14; Educational Service Agency totaling \$5,580.31; and Credit Card December 2023 totaling \$5,196.09.

Mr. Rea stated that there was a payment on this bill sheet that had been previously approved at the December Council meeting. The payment was approved with a vote of 5-2, with nay votes from Mr. Rea and Mr. Lindsey. Following the meeting, Mr. Rea stated that he requested receipts for that payment and discovered inconsistencies. He said that Ms. Miller then went back and found that there was a difference of almost \$300, which is why they are voting on this expense report again

at tonight’s meeting. Mr. Rea stated that he believes there are still inaccuracies with this payment amount, primarily regarding mileage to Giant Eagle in Parkway Center Mall in the amount of 13.6 miles roundtrip.

Motion carried 6-1 with a nay vote from Mr. Rea, specifically regarding the expense report in the amount of \$773.

2. Motion:

Mr. Turocy made a motion, seconded by Mr. Romanovich, to approve payment of the February 2024 invoices from the General Fund totaling \$110,793.21; Storm Sewer totaling \$114,646.54; Sanitary Sewer Maintenance Fund totaling \$429,055.85; Capital Projects totaling \$1,152.13; Health Care Fund totaling \$634.68; and Fire Department Apparatus totaling \$61,825.66.

Mr. Rea made the following statement:

“When I decided to run for Council, I did so because I represent the people in this room and the people that reside in the Borough. We have a fiduciary obligation to those people that voted us in, and sometimes I feel like I’m up here on an island when we’re making these decisions that are based on no logic and rationale. Sometimes, when you’re sitting up here; hopefully you’re not sitting up here just because there’s a name tag and you can say that you’re on Green Tree Council; sometimes that requires you to make difficult decisions, and that we don’t always have to vote based on what the Manager says or other people are telling us to say. You should vote based on your own convictions.”

Motion carried unanimously.

3. Designate Official Publication

Motion:

Mr. Turocy made a motion, seconded by Ms. Barron, to designate the Tribune Review as the official paper/publication.

Ms. Diersen explained that Council had discussed changing newspapers for general circulation given that there have been some publication issues with the Pittsburgh Post Gazette. She also clarified that this newspaper is a Tribune publication but is called the “Valley News Dispatch.”

Ms. Miller stated that she believed it was a consensus of Council that the Pittsburgh Post Gazette was no longer a desirable means of posting legal publications. The Valley News Dispatch is another viable option for the Borough.

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Ordinance #1893

Setting wages and benefits for the full-time Borough employees

Motion:

Mr. Turocy made a motion, seconded by Ms. Barron, to pass Ordinance #1893, setting wages and benefits for the full-time Borough employees.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Turocy	Yes
Ms. Barron	Yes
Mr. Panza	Yes
Mr. Rea	Yes

Mr. Romanovich Yes
Ms. Schwartz Yes
Mr. Tintori Yes

Motion carried unanimously.

5. **Ordinance #1894**
Setting hourly wages for the part-time and seasonal Borough employees

Motion:

Mr. Turocy made a motion, seconded by Ms. Barron, to pass Ordinance #1894, setting hourly wages for the part-time and seasonal Borough employees.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Turocy Yes
Ms. Barron Yes
Mr. Panza Yes
Mr. Rea Yes
Mr. Romanovich Yes
Ms. Schwartz Yes
Mr. Tintori Yes

Motion carried unanimously.

6. **Resolution #1338**
Adopting a Borough Fine Schedule

Motion:

Mr. Turocy made a motion, seconded by Mr. Romanovich, to adopt Resolution #1338, adopting a Borough Schedule of Fines.

Ms. Barron explained that the fine schedule has not been updated in over a decade, and former Council member Mr. Lindsey had recommended that Council update the fines associated with commercial property false fire alarms. She said that many times our first responders are being called to repeat-offenders for false fire alarms.

Mr. Rea stated that he was aware that this would not be included in tonight's vote, but he would like to recommend the Borough consider putting half of the false alarm fines into the Fire Apparatus Fund. Mr. Romanovich noted that he was in agreement with this recommendation.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Turocy Yes
Ms. Barron Yes
Mr. Panza Yes
Mr. Rea Yes
Mr. Romanovich Yes
Ms. Schwartz Yes
Mr. Tintori Yes

Motion carried unanimously.

7. **Resolution #1339**
Designating proper officials to execute the Statewide Local Share Assessment Grant Funds for Green Tree Swimming Pool Improvements Project

Motion:

Mr. Turocy made a motion, seconded by Mr. Romanovich, to adopt Resolution #1339, designating Arthur Tintori, Council President and Judy Miller, Borough Manager to perform the required duties between the Borough of Green Tree and the Commonwealth Financing Authority to properly execute the Statewide Local Share Assessment Grant application in the amount of \$1,000,000 for the Green Tree Swimming Pool Improvements Project.

Motion carried unanimously.

8. **Authorizing the Borough Manager to execute an Agreement with American Pool Services Pittsburgh**

Motion:

Mr. Turocy made a motion, seconded by Ms. Barron, to authorize the Borough Manager to execute an agreement with American Pool Services Pittsburgh for the provision of Pool Management Services for the year 2024.

Ms. Miller stated that the pool was built in the 1960s and to her understanding there has always been a pool manager. The pool has been managed by the same individual for more than 20 years. This created a routine and familiarity. As this pool manager will not be returning in 2024, Ms. Miller said she is now charged with the task of either hiring a new employee to take on the tasks or hiring a company that specializes in pool management and pool maintenance for commercial systems. Ms. Miller explained some of the difficult aspects of the job, including working weekends, nights, and holidays every week during the summer months. Additionally, to staff a manager at the pool during all operating hours, the Borough would need to hire an assistant manager along with the manager. Ms. Miller said that she feared that if they hired an individual manager and things did not work out, they would be unable to keep the pool open for the summer as they would not have anyone else qualified to oversee the facility.

Ms. Miller said that she felt that outsourcing to a pool management company would be the best decision, primarily because they intend to hire all interested returning lifeguards. Ms. Miller stated that if Council voted to approve this agreement at tonight's meeting, she would personally send a letter to each employee that worked at the pool last year to let them know that the goal for the pool is for nothing to change aside from a few new faces.

Ms. Miller stated that the Borough would still have water aerobics, swim lessons, and lap swim. This company was also going to keep the same number of lifeguards staffed each day as in previous years.

The concession stand employees will still be managed by a Green Tree Borough employee, so there would be no changes with their employment. Ms. Miller said that she is very thankful that two of the supervisors have agreed to come back this year and will be able to provide their knowledge of the pool.

Mr. Rea stated that Ms. Miller said she did not want anything to change at the pool. He asked how many times she has attended the pool since becoming Manager. She said that the first summer she did not attend the pool, she attended two or three times her second year, and this past year attended around half a dozen times.

Mr. Rea said that Ms. Miller mentioned how great the previous pool manager was, but between January and June of 2023 he charged the Borough over 1,700 hours. Ms. Diersen suggested that this personnel matter not be discussed. Mr. Rea said that Ms. Miller knew there were inconsistencies with the pool manager's timesheet. Ms. Miller stated that she was not aware of these inconsistencies.

Mr. Rea stated that there had been no substantive conversation regarding hiring a pool management company until last month. He said that he received a draft of the contract last week that is missing several sections. Mr. Rea asked how much this company would pay the pool manager and pool employees, as he did not see this outlined in the draft contract. There is also no information outlining the additional fees that will be charged for pool parties. Mr. Rea stated that he had asked these questions in an email and did not receive a response. He noted that he has been asking to hold workshop meetings for the last four or five months, and this would have been the perfect opportunity to hold one. Mr. Rea asked what additional services would be provided by the company for the estimated \$40,000 we would be paying them on top of the payroll. Ms. Barron said that Council had received a breakdown with this information and that Mr. Rea was in the meeting where the pool management company was first brought up for discussion. Council continued to discuss the timeline of when information was given to Council regarding this contract.

Mr. Rea said that as a 45-year resident of the Borough, there is no way he would ever vote to outsource pool management.

Ms. Miller stated that the lifeguards would be paid \$15 per hour, which is more than the Borough would be paying if they were hired without a management company, according to the approved 2024 rates. Mr. Rea asked what the Borough paid pool employees in 2023. Ms. Miller stated that the total payroll for the pool manager and lifeguards in 2023 was \$143,668. This included a management salary of \$38,800.

Mr. Rea asked why the job was not posted in September when the position became vacant. He stated that there was probably a schoolteacher or someone else who was looking for a pool manager position when the season ended in 2023. It would have been a great opportunity to post this position, because now Scott Township is trying to hire a pool manager as well. Mr. Rea noted that Scott Township had outsourced their pool management in the past and asked if anyone had contacted them to ask why they are no longer outsourcing. Ms. Miller stated that she believed Scott Township had outsourced their pool management to USA Pool Management, who is no longer in business.

Mr. Romanovich stated that he would like to table this motion.

Mr. Rea stated that he had emailed the Borough Manager asking for the rationale behind hiring this company and she said that outsourcing would provide professional pool management services and HR. Mr. Rea asked why hiring a direct pool manager would not provide the same services, with Ms. Miller providing the HR. He said that to him, this decision was passing the buck, putting an additional \$40,000 on the residents and passing the buck to another company. He said that the Borough is already outsourcing their engineer and now the pool manager.

Mayor Schenck agreed that Council should table the proposed contract due to some of the glaring concerns. He noted several issues with the contract, including the fact that the management company is requiring the Borough to have \$5 million in coverage for them and name them as an additional insured on the Borough's insurance policy. Mayor Schenck stated that if Council was considering moving forward with this company, they would need to closely review the insurance provisions and indemnity provisions.

Mr. Turocy stated that he also had concerns regarding the draft of this contract and had sent his suggestions and comments about the same issues to the Borough Manager prior to tonight's meeting. These issues had been forwarded to the Solicitor and she is working to address them with the management company. Mr. Turocy stated that it is his understanding that this contract will not be signed until these one-sided provisions are corrected by the Solicitor and reviewed.

Mr. Turocy explained that he grew up in Green Tree and believes the pool is a very valuable asset to the community. His understanding is that the lifeguards will be paid by this company, but the Borough will have a say in the rate that they are paid. They will not be paid less than in past years. He is also under the understanding that any lifeguard who wishes to return will be rehired by this company. The management company will not have any control over the concession stand or the front gate, just the manager, assistant manager, and lifeguards.

Mr. Turocy also noted that the Borough's pool is very old and needs substantial renovations. He said that he does not believe that an individual pool manager will be able to come in with enough expertise and skill to handle the pool in its current position. In this scenario, Mr. Turocy believes it would be better to have a pool management company come in to not only oversee the pool and day-to-day operations, but also to take care of issues that arise with the pool throughout the season. Once pool renovations have been completed, Council can consider hiring an individual manager.

Ms. Barron explained that Council was not voting on the specific contract at tonight's meeting. They would be voting to work with American Pool Services Pittsburgh. The contract would be worked out between the Borough Manager, the Solicitor, and the management company's legal team. Ms. Barron stated that Ms. Miller had mentioned that she was considering the idea of outsourcing to a pool management company in Executive Sessions and during committee meeting and submitted a four-page document of information with her recommendation.

Ms. Barron noted that the pool management company would ensure that a manager or assistant manager would be on-site during all operational pool hours, which has been requested by both members of the community and members of Council. They would also provide additional supervisory support through regional and area supervisor, so if a manager was sick or unable to be at the pool, there would be a certified supervisor available to oversee the pool. Ms. Barron continued to outline areas where the management company would be of a benefit to the Borough, including having access to additional lifeguards in the event that the Borough is short-staffed and their ability to assist in pool maintenance if necessary. The management company would also ensure that all certifications and clearances were in place and complete all recommended training and mock drills.

Mr. Rea asked why Ms. Miller chose not to contact the Green Tree Borough resident and former pool employee that he had recommended the day after the position became vacant. Ms. Miller stated that if it was the direction she was recommending, she would have advertised the position and she assumes this resident would have applied. Ms. Miller said she would never reach out to one individual to discuss a position that has not been advertised to the public. She said that Council never directed her to advertise the position, and she mentioned as far back as November that she was looking into options to outsource this position to a management company. Ms. Miller stated that she had made this recommendation based on conversations with other communities that are of similar size to Green Tree. Discussion continued regarding the decision not to post the job in 2023 and why Ms. Miller was recommending the pool management company as opposed to hiring an individual pool manager.

Mr. Romanovich made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rea, to table the authorization of the Borough Manager to execute an agreement with American Pool Services for the provision of Pool Management Services for the year 2024.

Mr. Romanovich said that he hoped tabling this motion would allow Council to have another Workshop meeting next weekend to gather public input and provide more information to them. He would like to get more information from the taxpayers of the Borough before making this decision. Mr. Panza stated that he did not believe Council could proceed with a vote without having the questions that were brought before them at tonight's meeting answered. He asked Ms. Diersen why the Borough was not required to send this contract out to bid. Ms. Diersen stated that this would be considered a professional service and would be an exception to the bidding rule. Mr. Panza stated that he agreed with Mr. Romanovich that Council should table this vote and scheduled a Workshop meeting to gain more information.

Mr. Turocy asked if there was a deadline for the Borough to sign a contract with the pool management company. Ms. Miller stated that the longer they wait, the more likely it is that they will be behind in moving forward with the hiring process. She said that Scott Township posted their pool manager position in January.

Mr. Panza stated that he believed Council should set up a meeting next week with a representative from the pool management company. Any questions could be presented to allow all questions to be answered before a decision is made. He also suggested that a final contract be written and submitted before Council votes for approval.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion:

Mr. Rea made a motion, seconded by Mr. Panza, to amend the agenda to add a motion to post the pool manager position this week.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Turocy	No
Ms. Barron	No
Mr. Panza	Yes
Mr. Rea	Yes
Mr. Romanovich	Yes
Ms. Schwartz	No
Mr. Tintori	No

Motion failed, 3-4.

Motion:

Mr. Panza made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rea, to amend the agenda to add a motion to have a meeting on Monday, February 12 at 7:30pm with the public of Green Tree, the Council of Green Tree, and a representative from American Pool Services.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Turocy	Yes
Ms. Barron	Yes
Mr. Panza	Yes
Mr. Rea	Yes
Mr. Romanovich	Yes
Ms. Schwartz	Yes
Mr. Tintori	Yes

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion:

Mr. Panza made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rea, to have a meeting on Monday, February 12 at 7:30pm with the public of Green Tree, the Council of Green Tree, and a representative from American Pool Services.

Mr. Panza stated that this should be an informal discussion where anyone from the Borough that has a question could submit their question to be answered at the meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

B. Planning and Zoning – Ms. Schwartz**1. Reappointment to the Zoning Hearing Board****Motion:**

Ms. Schwartz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Romanovich, to reappoint John Becker to the Zoning Hearing Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2026.

Mr. Panza stated that Mr. Becker has been on the Zoning Hearing Board for quite a few years and Council should consider giving him a proclamation.

Motion carried unanimously.

C. Public Facilities and Equipment – Ms. Barron**1. Reappointments to the Library Board****Motion:**

Ms. Barron made a motion, seconded by Mr. Turocy, to reappoint Amy Bittner, Ed Giles, and Cheryl Kocay to the Library Board for terms to expire on January 31, 2026, as recommended by the Library Board's letter dated January 17, 2024.

Ms. Barron stated that all these residents are dedicated Library board members, and it is wonderful that they continue to support the Library.

Motion carried unanimously.

D. Public Safety – Mr. Rea**1. Reappointment to the Civil Service Commission****Motion:**

Mr. Rea made a motion, seconded by Mr. Romanovich, to reappoint David Lorenzini to the Civil Service Commission for a term to expire on March 1, 2030.

Motion carried unanimously.

E. Recreation Programming & Community Welfare – Mr. Panza**1. Reappointments to the Recreation and Community Activities Board****Motion:**

Mr. Panza made a motion, seconded by Mr. Turocy, to reappoint Jen Sakulsky and Linda Lester to the Recreation and Community Activities Board for terms to expire on March 1, 2027.

Motion carried unanimously.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- A. Mayor Schenck thanked Mr. Gall for his service with the Farmers Market and American Legion. He also thanked the many other volunteers in the audience tonight.
- B. The Green Tree Police Department recently had their fifth vehicle outfitted and placed into service.
- C. Mr. Rino Lindsey and acting Chief Rannigan were able to help secure a grant for new body worn cameras for the Police Department. These cameras have been put into service and can sync to the vehicle cameras.
- D. Mayor Schenck stated that the Police Department currently has eight officers, which is lower than the normal complement of ten. Another officer plans to retire in May, which will bring staff down to seven officers. The Civil Service Commission is in the process of selecting three candidates for Council to interview. Mayor Schenck said that he hopes the Civil Service Commission will be able to get this list to Council shortly, so they are able to interview these candidates and hopefully hire one or two new officers.
- E. Mayor Schenck stated that he does not believe the Borough should consider eliminating the requirement that non-residents must be accompanied by a resident when visiting the Wilson Park pool. Non-residents would still be allowed to purchase a season pass or come with a resident, but he does not believe the pool should be open to all non-residents. Mayor Schenck said that the Borough should maintain the community character of the pool, and if visitors have a connection to the Borough, it will create more of an incentive to act appropriately and politely.
- F. Mayor Schenck held office hours on January 13 and had three residents attend to discuss matters. He will be holding his next office hours on Saturday, April 6.
- G. Mayor Schenck noted that Mt. Lebanon recently renegotiated their contract for trash collection and annual fees have gone up significantly. He said he has concerns about the Borough's contract when it expires at the end of 2027.
- H. Mayor Schenck noted that in 2023, the Borough had budgeted \$210,000 toward park improvements and only spent \$2,000. He said that he hopes the Borough spends the budgeted \$175,000 on improvements this year.
- I. Mayor Schenck stated that he agrees with Mr. Lindsey regarding making an effort to publish proposed ordinances to the public prior to the scheduled Council meetings. Mayor Schenck also believes that Council should schedule workshop meetings to help iron out issues such as the swimming pool management concern prior to voting.

COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

A. Finance and General Policy – Mr. Turocy

- 1. The Finance and General Policy committee met recently to discuss 2024 pool fees. They would like to work in conjunction with the Recreation Programming and Community Welfare and Public Facilities and Equipment committees to make a reasonable recommendation for fees for this upcoming season.

B. Infrastructure – Mr. Romanovich

- 1. The Infrastructure committee is setting up a meeting with the Borough Manager and Borough Engineers to discuss some big upcoming infrastructure projects.

C. Planning and Zoning – Ms. Schwartz

1. The next Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 28.

D. Public Facilities and Equipment – Ms. Barron

1. The Public Facilities and Equipment committee met in January to discuss future plans for improvements or reconstruction of the pool. The committee will be meeting with the Borough Manager and the Aquatics Engineer to determine what these plans might look like. After these discussions, the committee plans to put forth a recommendation to council for the appointment of an architect to develop a schematic and concept. These schematics and design concepts will then be presented at a public workshop meeting, hopefully in late Spring or early Summer.
2. Borough Administration has begun ideas and plans for updates to Rook Park for this upcoming year. Regular park maintenance will continue for all the parks in the Borough, but Rook Park has been prioritized as needing major improvements.
3. Three Library Board members were re-appointed at tonight's meeting. Ms. Barron thanked everyone who is currently serving on the board.
4. The Library is celebrating the one-year anniversary of their International Chat Room program. This is a unique program created by the Green Tree Library that is not being offered in other libraries in the area. The International Chat Room brings together members of the community to share their stories, connections, and languages, celebrate their cultures, and introduce each other to the things they love about Green Tree and our surrounding neighborhoods.

E. Public Safety/Public Safety Equipment – Mr. Rea

1. Mr. Dave Montz has been certified and appointed by the State as the Borough's Emergency Management Coordinator.

F. Recreation Programming and Community Welfare – Mr. Panza

1. The Recreation Programming and Community Welfare committee will be interviewing two residents who have shown interest in joining the Recreation Board. The Recreation Board will be attending to assist with the interview process.
2. Mr. Panza is waiting for a response from White Tail Management regarding possible solutions to the deer population in Green Tree.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Mr. Tintori

- A.** Three new restaurants are set to open in the Borough this year. Burger King has re-opened at its former location.
- B.** The Spring edition of the Green Tree Newsletter will be coming out within the next few weeks. The newsletter has a lot of information about upcoming events.
- C.** Green Tree Borough has launched a new app, Green Tree Connect. This app gives residents a lot of information about what is happening in the Borough.

MANAGER'S REPORT – Ms. Miller

- A. The Farmers Market is in need of volunteers to assist from May through October. If anyone is interested in getting involved in the community, they are encouraged to apply to volunteer.

ADJOURNMENT

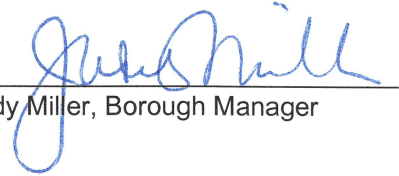
Motion:

Mr. Panza made a motion, seconded by Mr. Turocy, to adjourn the meeting at 9:26pm.

Motion carried unanimously.



Arthur Tintori, President



Judy Miller, Borough Manager