

**BOROUGH OF GREEN TREE
COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 3, 2023**

Call to Order / Moment of Silence / Pledge of Allegiance

Green Tree Borough Council met on Monday, July 3, 2023 at 7:30 pm in the Sycamore Room of the Green Tree Municipal Center, 10 West Manilla Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15220.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Edward Schenck, Mayor
Arthur Tintori, President
Shannon Barron
Rino Lindsey
Ron Panza
Craig Romanovich

Also Present:

Judy Miller, Borough Manager
Jacob Leyland, Borough Solicitor
Kim Beck, Stenographer

Absent:

David Rea
James Turocy

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

June 5, 2023

Motion:

Mr. Lindsey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Romanovich, to approve the June 5, 2023 minutes as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

HEARING OF THE CITIZENS

Cheryl Kocay – 2 Trailvue Drive – Green Tree Garden Club

- A. Ms. Kocay thanked Borough Council on behalf of the Green Tree Garden Club for the new fence around the Municipal Garden park and for the new shed. She said that the new fence will keep the deer out of the garden.
- B. Ms. Kocay noted that she had seen spotted lanternflies while working in the Municipal Garden and asked for suggestions on what to do to kill them. Ms. Barron said that unfortunately, this invasive species will probably be around forever at this point. She suggested killing the nymphs whenever possible by stomping on them or squeezing them. Soapy water or vinegar could help keep them away but might not necessarily kill them. Lanternfly sightings can be reported on the Pennsylvania state website.

Don Gaupp – 121 Susan Drive - Green Tree Volunteer Fire Company Chief

- A. Mr. Gaupp said he was disappointed in remarks that were made at the May Council meeting about a resident who has been a member of the Volunteer Fire Company for over 45 years and asked for an apology from the Council President. Mr. Tintori stated that nothing he said at the May meeting was untrue. A discussion regarding comments made at the May meeting continued.

NEW BUSINESS**A. Finance and General Policy – Mr. Turocy**

Ms. Barron presented the Finance and General Policy business in Mr. Turocy's absence.

1. Motion:

Ms. Barron made a motion, seconded by Mr. Romanovich, to ratify the actions of the Borough Manager in paying the June 2023 invoices from the General Fund totaling \$27,959.18; Capital Projects Fund totaling \$44,327.00; Farmers Market totaling \$962.00; Payroll Account totaling \$258,197.09; Educational Service Agency totaling \$3727.68; and Credit Card May 23 \$12,708.53.

Motion carried unanimously.

2. Motion:

Ms. Barron made a motion, seconded by Mr. Romanovich, to approve payment of the July 2023 invoices from the General Fund totaling \$108,806.80; Storm Sewer totaling \$26,672.87; Sanitary Sewer Maintenance Fund totaling \$13,673.58; Capital Projects totaling \$3,997.45; and Bond Fund totaling \$928.24.

Motion carried unanimously.

B. Infrastructure – Mr. Romanovich**1. Resolution #1327**

Requesting ACT 13 of 2012 Funds for PRP Stream Restoration

Motion:

Mr. Romanovich made a motion, seconded by Ms. Barron, to adopt Resolution #1327, designating the Borough Manager to perform the required duties between the Borough of Green Tree and the Commonwealth Financing Authority authorizing the proper execution and filing of an application for funds with ACT 13 of 2012 Watershed Restoration and Protection Program.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Romanovich	Yes
Ms. Barron	Yes
Mr. Lindsey	Yes
Mr. Panza	Yes
Mr. Tintori	Yes

Motion carried unanimously.

C. Planning and Zoning – Mr. Rea

Mr. Romanovich presented the Planning and Zoning business in Mr. Rea's absence.

1. Resolution #1328

Requesting ACT 152 Funds for Structure Demolition

Motion:

Mr. Romanovich made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lindsey, to adopt Resolution #1328, designating the Borough Manager to perform the required duties between the Borough of

Green Tree and Allegheny County Economic Development requesting ACT 152 funds and comply with all other provisions of the ACT 152 application.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Romanovich	Yes
Ms. Barron	Yes
Mr. Lindsey	Yes
Mr. Panza	Yes
Mr. Tintori	Yes

Motion carried unanimously.

D. Public Safety/Public Safety Equipment – Mr. Lindsey

1. Appointment to the Civil Service Commission

Mr. Lindsey explained that two acting members of the Civil Service Commission, along with the alternate member, had recently resigned.

Motion:

Mr. Lindsey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Romanovich, to appoint the following to fill the unexpired terms on the Civil Service Commission:

- W. David Montz for a term to expire on March 1, 2025
- David Lorenzini for a term to expire on March 1, 2024

Motion carried unanimously.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- A. Mayor Schenck attended the flag ceremony that was hosted by the Green Tree Volunteer Fire Company and the American Legion on June 14. He also plans to attend the Independence Day celebration that is being held at the Wilson Park Pool on July 4.
- B. Two new members have been appointed to the Civil Service Commission at tonight's meeting. The Civil Service Commission will proceed to consider amendments to the rules and regulations of the commission.
- C. The Green Tree Police Department is currently short an officer. The Borough will be proceeding to re-certify a list of candidates. The Civil Service Commission will do the testing and interviews before recommending three officers to Council to select from. Mayor Schenck is hoping that Council will have a new list of officers to interview by September or October.
- D. Officer Mondzelewski and Officer Feller will be receiving an award from Medical Rescue Team South Authority at the next Council meeting for saving the life of a cardiac arrest victim.
- E. Mayor Schenck stated that there was an article in the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette regarding a proposed federal law that would require railroads to give notice when a dangerous substance would be transported through a municipality.
- F. Mayor Schenck noted that all elected officials should use some discretion about what is said during public meetings, regardless of what may or may not be true.

COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

A. Finance and General Policy – Mr. Turocy

1. In Mr. Turocy's absence, there was no Finance and General Policy report this evening.

B. Infrastructure – Mr. Romanovich

1. Allegheny County Sanitary Authority (ALCOSAN) will be holding their open house on Saturday, September 16. Mr. Romanovich invited all members of Council, along with the residents of the Borough, to attend the open house. He said that ALCOSAN is expanding from the ability to manage 250 million gallons per day without a combined overflow to 780 million gallons by 2029. This is a ratepayer funded project. Mr. Romanovich stated that he feels it is important for people to attend the open house to gain a better understanding of what is going on at the sewage plant and how it affects our community members.
2. Mr. Romanovich asked residents to be mindful of their neighbors when setting off pyrotechnics for the Fourth of July holiday, as they can have adverse effects on combat veterans. He suggested that residents check on their veteran neighbors before and after setting off pyrotechnics.

C. Planning and Zoning – Mr. Rea

1. In Mr. Rea's absence, there was no Planning and Zoning report this evening.

D. Public Facilities and Equipment – Ms. Barron

1. The Municipal Center Garden fence is currently being installed and will be finished shortly.
2. The Green Tree Public Library held a kickoff for their summer reading program last month and it was a huge success. Over the course of the afternoon, the Library saw around 200 people attend the event. Ms. Barron thanked the library staff, community organizations, local businesses, Public Works Department, and volunteers for their help in making this event a success.
3. The Borough had applied for a grant to help cover some of the costs of ADA updates for the Borough facility bathrooms but did not receive the grant. The Public Facilities and Equipment committee will need to review the best options to move forward with updating these bathrooms.

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

1. Mr. Lindsey thanked the gentlemen that had served on the Civil Service Commission for many years.
2. Mayor Schenck reported that officers had responded to Arla Drive for a report of individuals breaking into parked vehicles. Mayor Schenck asked residents to please lock their vehicles. Only one resident had reported something being stolen from their vehicle.
3. Green Tree Police officers and members of the Green Tree Volunteer Fire Company assisted a Green Tree resident with an event involving their child who has serious health issues. The child was returning home from the hospital and her parents arranged a horse and buggy to take her from Green Tree Park to her home. Mayor Schenck thanked the Volunteer Fire Company and Police Department for assisting with the escort.

F. Recreation Programming and Community Welfare – Mr. Panza

1. Cousin's Maine Lobster truck will be at the Green Tree Farmers Market on Thursday, July 6.
2. Paul, Mac, and Ben will be performing at the first Green Tree Summer Concert of the Summer on Thursday, July 6 which is being sponsored by the Woman's Civic Club.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Mr. Tintori

- A. The Borough's Independence Day celebration is being held at the Wilson Park pool on Tuesday, July 4 from noon until 5:00pm. The pool will have free admission for everyone who wishes to attend.

MANAGER'S REPORT – Ms. Miller

- A. Garbage and recycling will be collected on Thursday this week due to the holiday.

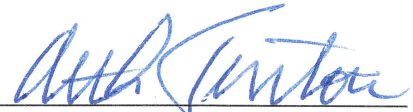
- B. Mr. Panza asked if there were any updates regarding the Borough holding a Council meeting at City Vista apartments. Ms. Miller said that they are hoping to have a meeting there sometime this year.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion:

Mr. Panza made a motion, seconded by Ms. Barron, to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 pm.

Motion carried unanimously.



Arthur Tintori, President



Judy Miller, Borough Manager