

May 26, 2021

A regular meeting of the Parkside Borough Council was held via ZOOM on the above date. The meeting was called to order by President Purcival at 7:00 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance the roll was called with the following in attendance:

<b>Messrs:</b>	<b>Deitman</b>	<b>Purcival</b>	<b>Solicitor Wills</b>
	<b>Bull</b>	<b>Capobianco</b>	<b>Engineer Catania</b>
	<b>Long</b>	<b>Sweigart</b>	<b>Treasurer Possenti</b>
	<b>Sidlow</b>	<b>Guy</b>	<b>Chief Murray</b>
	<b>Powers</b>		<b>Secretary Higgins</b>

Councilman Capobianco made a motion, seconded by Vice President Bull, to adopt the 4/28/21 Council Meeting Minutes as submitted; motion carried.

Correspondence Report: (Linda Higgins)

The following funds were received in the Borough Office during April 2021:

1) License & Inspections	\$	15,225.50
2) Police Dept. – tickets/reports		60.00
3) Recorder of Deeds		1,543.50
4) Court Financial Services		50.00
5) PECO – Green Region Grant		5,000.00
6) Hometown Hero Program		2,100.00

Tax Collection:

Tax Collector – Ed Fisher	446,393.85
---------------------------	------------

Regional Court

District Court	3,681.06
----------------	----------

**Total income for April 2021 = \$ 474,053.91**  
**(Total does not include EIT/LST Tax)**

Councilman Sidlow made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Guy, authorizing a sponsorship donation of \$225 to the Brookhaven Basketball League for the 2021 Season; motion carried.

May 26, 2021

A letter from JoAnn Allen, a member of the Green Tree Home Owners Association, was read. Ms. Allen stated there are several issues within the Green Tree Development parking lot that are in need of repair. They have found out that engineering and permits with DEP alone will be in excess of \$200,000. The streets within the development are the property of the association. They are interested in turning the ownership of the parking lot, bridge and underground infrastructure over to the Borough for maintenance and upkeep. Council discussed this issue and determined the Borough cannot help individual residents with their issues. The Borough does not have the money to undertake a problem like they are presenting. President Purcival will contact Ms. Allen and explain. It will be suggested that they have their Engineer look for grants or a low interest loan. Ms. Catania suggested that if the Borough plans on taking possession of the streets that they do not do so until all necessary repairs are completed.

The Secretary read a letter from resident Melinda Laird. Ms. Laird questioned the procedure for choosing which Sun Valley Senior receives the Borough's \$500 scholarship. The students take time to prepare their letters for consideration and it seems all of Council should vote on the winner, not just one person. She hopes things change in the future.

Mayor Deitman stated that Ms. Laird omitted the fact that her daughter was a candidate. The Mayor indicated the award will go to a student from Beechwood Road.

#### Mayors Report: (Tom Deitman)

Mayor Deitman reported the following activity of the Parkside Police Department for the past month. Crimes reported in April = 5. Leading Categories: thefts – 1, assault – 1, criminal mischief – 1, domestic – 1, weapons offense – 1. Calls for Service = 135. Leading categories: Suspicious persons – 10, medical emergencies – 7, assist other agencies – 28, public service calls – 4, domestics – 5. Accidents = 0. Motor vehicle stops – 24. Traffic citations – 8. Warnings – 6.

Mayor Deitman reported an unusual event occurred recently on Edgmont Avenue when a truck came through and took down wires along the Avenue. This closed Edgmont Avenue, from Roland to Avon. Mayor Deitman thanked Parkside Police, Parkside Fire Company, Parkside Emergency Management and Parkside Public Works and Brookhaven and Upland Police Departments and the Fire Police for their assistance during this event.

May 26, 2021

The Mayor stated that the winner of the Scholarship from Parkside will be invited to the June Council Meeting. Mr. Wills will prepare a Resolution to be presented to the winner.

**CALL TO CITIZENS: None**

**President's Report: (Shirley Purcival)**

President Purcival reported that the Governor's restrictions will be lifted in time for the June Council Meeting to be held at the Borough building. She did thank Steve Giancristoforo for all of his help with the Borough's ZOOM Council Meetings during the COVID pandemic.

President Purcival indicated that a Grant opportunity will be coming up around June 1<sup>st</sup>; Keep PA Beautiful, in the amount of \$25,000 for the TII Edgmont Avenue corridor.

It was reported that the MMO (Minimum Municipal Obligation) financial requirement for the 2021 Police Pension Program has increased significantly due to a police officer that went out on disability.

President Purcival did thank Mayor Deitman for his participation in a video that was made for the PECO Green Region Grant obtained by the Borough for the Wesley Coale Memorial.

President Purcival did remind everyone that Council is under a strict budget.

**Police/Public Safety/Code Enforcement Report: (Nick Capobianco)**

Councilman Capobianco reported that all Borough vehicles underwent preventative maintenance for the month.

Councilman Capobianco reported that he has spoken with President Purcival and Chief Murray regarding the police bike patrol. The bike patrol will once again begin patrolling Borough streets in the very near future.

A complaint was received about people running the stop sign at Beechwood and Crozer Streets.

The old car wash on Edgmont at W. Garrison was hit with graffiti again. The owner of the property will remove it as soon as possible.

Public Works is still trying to obtain the personnel and heavy equipment needed to install the speed bumps again this year.

Ordinance Report: (Perry Sweigart)                      **Progress**

License & Inspections Report: (Eric Long)

The following permits were issued for the month:

		<b>Building</b>	<b>Residential</b>	<b>14</b>
		<b>Plumbing</b>	<b>Residential</b>	<b>10</b>
		<b>Mechanical</b>	<b>Residential</b>	<b>0</b>
		<b>Electrical</b>	<b>Residential</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Use &amp; Occupancy Inspections</b>	<b>=</b>			<b>5</b>
<b>Reinspections</b>	<b>=</b>			<b>5</b>

Emergency Management/Health Report: (Rob Powers)

Mr. Powers stated he has three on-going health and safety issues he is working in the Borough.

- 1) Bed bug infestation on West Elbon Road
- 2) Deteriorated property on West Forestview Road
- 3) Hoarding issue on East Roland Road

Fire Marshal Report: (Rob Powers)

Mr. Powers reported that the property at 12 West Chelton Road that was destroyed by fire is now in the process of being repaired.

PECO will be in the Borough shortly to remove vegetation that is interfering with their power lines.

Wires on Edgmont Avenue were pulled down by a truck and caused traffic issues in the Borough. The Fire Marshall, Rob Powers, was on scene of that accident for 11 hours to direct traffic and coordinate with PECO. Chief Murray is investigating the truck that knocked down the wires and kept on going.

**Finance Report: (Doug Bull)**

Vice President Bull made a motion, seconded by Councilman Sweigart, to accept the Treasurers Report as submitted; motion carried.

Vice President Bull made a motion, seconded by Councilman Sweigart, to pay the bills when properly approved; motion carried.

**Woodlot Report: (Doug Bull)**

Vice President Bull mentioned that he received a question from a resident concerning the safety of a tree in the Woodlot.

He reported that the tree has been trimmed and no longer poses a threat.

President Purcival asked about the sign for the Ford Fitness Trail. Vice President Bull indicated he will have the signage in place by the Fall, in time for the Dedication.

Councilman Sidlow indicated he did not pay attention regarding money the Borough would get from recovery. He believes it will be \$21,000 for the Borough's allocation. Mr. Wills informed Council that the PSAB, PLM and DCED are still seeking clarification on what the funds are to be used for. There will be restrictions.

**Recreation Report: (Perry Sweigart)**

Councilman Sweigart announced that on June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. a Recreation Committee meeting will be held at the Borough building. They will discuss Community Day in the Fall.

There will be a bike parade for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Everyone will meet at the Borough building at 11:00 a.m. The parade will go through the Borough and back to Borough hall. A Kona Ice truck will be available for all attendees.

**Recycling/MS4 Report: (Nick Capobianco)**

Total regular trash picked up in Parkside for the month of April 2021 = 136.80 tons.

Total recycling picked up in Parkside for the month of April 2021 = 6.91 tons.

May 26, 2021

Councilwoman Guy asked how our recycling is billed. It was explained that we are billed by the ton. \$58/ton for regular trash and \$100/ton for recycling.

Tax Collector Report: (Ed Fisher)

The Treasurer received a total of \$ 917,350.89 to date. There was \$ 51,973.69 in revenue deposits from April 12, 2021 to May 16, 2021.

Engineer Report: (Lisa Catania)

Ms. Catania informed Council there were two bidders for the FY 2020 CDBG Pedestrian Street Light Improvements – Phase 3 Project. The two bidders were Lenni Electric Corporation of West Chester, PA and Carr and Duff, Inc. out of Huntington Valley, PA. The low bidder was Lenni Electric with a bid of \$90,330.00.

Vice President Bull made a motion, seconded by Councilman Capobianco, to award the FY2020 CDBG contract to Lenni Electric for the amount of \$90,330.00; motion carried. Councilman Sidlow stated that he cannot understand why Council would approve \$90,000 for four lights when they refused to pay \$1500 to change out the fixtures in the Borough building. Council President Purcival and Engineer Catania explained to Councilman Sidlow that the Borough is not paying for the Edgmont Avenue lighting. The entire project is being done with Grant money and not costing the Borough anything. It is \$90,000 because it includes poles, wiring, conduit, junction boxes, etc.

The contract documents for the 2021 Road Program will be received next month.

The Keep America Beautiful Grant application is due in July 2021. President Purcival mentioned that since the plans are ready, we should be able to meet the deadline. Ms. Catania indicated we will be able to make the deadline.

President Purcival did thank Ms. Catania for all her hard work on obtaining grants for the Borough.

Councilman Long indicated so many people are utilizing the Woodlot trail since the latest update. Councilman Long suggested some sort of deterrent be placed in the Woodlot to impede three-wheelers from flying through the trail. Ms. Catania indicated that would be a good idea for the next round of Grants.

May 26, 2021

Solicitor Report: (Jay Wills)

Mr. Wills reminded Council that several contracts expires the end of this year.

- 1) FOP Contract expires 12/31/21. The Borough should receive contract proposals on or before 6/30/21.
- 2) The current solid waste contract with B&L Enterprises will expire 12/31/21.
- 3) Comcast Cable TV Franchise agreement expires 12/31/21. Mr. Wills stated Council may need a Cable Franchise Agreement Committee.

Effective 5/31/21 indoor and outdoor COVID restriction capacities in PA will be lifted. Individuals that are fully vaccinated will not be required to wear a mask. The Council's June meeting will be held in person at the Borough hall.

CALL TO CITIZENS:       None

President Purcival appointed Councilman Capobianco, Mayor Deitman, herself and Mr. Wills as the FOP negotiating committee.

All of Council needs to consider a scope of work for the upcoming trash contract. This will be discussed at the June 2021 Council Meeting.

The Comcast Negotiating committee will be appointed in June 2021.

Councilman Capobianco asked if the building should still be sanitized after every meeting. Mr. Wills recommended that it still be sanitized after each meeting.

CALL TO CITIZENS:       None

Unfinished Business:

Councilman Long reported that to date he has received 21 applications for the Hometown Hero Banner project. The deadline for submission of applications is June 30, 2021. He reminded everyone that it is not just residents that are eligible for a banner; relatives of residents are also accepted. The target date for dedication for the banners is September 2021.

A resident reported that there is a banner, from Brookhaven, erected at ILG Island. Councilman Long will check into that with Brookhaven officials.

May 26, 2021

President Purcival stated that at the meeting last month she suggested Councilman Sidlow check into "free-money" grants to change street lights over to all LED. Councilman Sidlow stated he has looked into the DVRP program launching a grant for lighting. He explained it will cost \$3000 initially. President Purcival asked who is going to pay the \$3000 for the engineer study. Councilman Sidlow indicated the Borough would be responsible. Unfortunately that expense was not allocated in the Budget for 2021. President Purcival asked Councilman Sidlow if he did research on a grant that would be "free money". Councilman Sidlow indicated he did not but he will continue to research.

Councilman Long asked if the street lights are all turned to LED would extra poles and junction boxes need to be installed since LED lights do not illuminate as large of an area as the current lights. He questioned what the total cost of the project would be. Councilman Sidlow believes there will be several Municipalities participating in the DVRP Lighting Grant. President Purcival indicated we have gone through this for 17 months. The Borough does not have the funds to match a grant and are unable to obtain a loan at this time.

**New Business:**

Councilman Sidlow asked if there is a need for Social Services at the properties mentioned by Mr. Powers. Mr. Powers informed him he has everyone involved that needs to be involved. Councilman Sidlow thanked him.

There being no further business, motion was made by Councilman Capobianco, seconded by Councilman Sweigart, that the meeting adjourn; motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

**PARKSIDE BOROUGH COUNCIL:**

Attest:

  
Linda E. Higgins, Secretary

By:

  
Shirley Purcival, President