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A regular meeting of the Parkside Borough Council was held, hosted by the Borough IT Professional, Steve Giancristoforo, on ZOOM so that all of Council could participate while still social distancing. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Council President Shirley Purcival. Following the Pledge of Allegiance the roll was called with the following in attendance:

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

The Secretary did thank Council for the beautiful flowers she received from them for Administrative Professionals Day (4/22/20).

President Purcival did ask the Secretary if any residents submitted questions or concerns regarding the Agenda for this meeting that was posted. The Secretary read a letter addressed to Parkside Council, from Judith Saunders of 62 East Chelton Road. The letter stated Ms. Saunders' displeasure with the way things occurred for the Easter Celebration. A copy of the letter is attached to these Minutes.

President Purcival did thank all those on the Recreation Committee for their dedicated work, however, the event had to be cancelled due to new restrictions put forth to keep people safe from COVID-19.

Councilman Capobianco made a motion, seconded by Vice President Bull, to adopt the Minutes of the 3-25-20 Council Meeting as submitted; motion carried.

At this time Solicitor Wills did read a Statement into the record indicating the reasons and protocol for this particular Council Meeting (a copy of which is attached along with a copy of the Public Notice advertised in the Daily Times and on the Borough Website).

Correspondence Report: (Linda Higgins)

The following funds were received in the Borough office during March 2020:

1) License & Inspections	\$	10,555.25
2) Liens		2,040.85
3) Recorder of Deeds		3,841.64
4) PD Report/parking tickets		60.00
5) Court Financial Services		9.86

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6) Treasurer of Delaware County (County Aid) \$ 2,430.00

Tax Collection:

Tax Collector – Ed Fisher 413,099.32

Regional Court:

District Court 517.77

Total income for March 2020 = \$ 432,991.33

(Total does not include EIT/LST Tax)

Mayor's Report: Tom Deitman)

Mayor Deitman reported the following activity of the Parkside Police Department for the month of March 2020.

Crimes Reported = 4. Most prevalent: theft -2, assault – 1, property damage – 1. Calls for service = 96. Most prevalent: assist other agencies – 15, domestics – 13, suspicious persons – 11, medical emergencies – 7. Traffic enforcement = 27. Most prevalent: citations – 25, warnings – 2.

Mayor Deitman reported that earlier in the day the Parkside Fire Company, Police Department, Mayor and Code Enforcement Officer honored the first-line responders at Crozer Hospital.

The Mayor asked the Secretary to please provide him with a copy of the Parkside Fire Company Workmen's Compensation Declaration Page.

Chief Murray reported that things have been very slow (as result of COVID-19). There have been no glitches for the month.

President's Report: (Shirley Purcival)

President Purcival did thank the Borough Secretary for all her hard work on this Administrative Professionals Day. Borough Council did send the Secretary beautiful flowers to show their appreciation on Administrative Professionals Day.

It was reported that the electronic recycling event scheduled for May 9<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled due to COVID1-19.

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It was reported that the date for the Primary Election has been moved to June 2, 2020.

President Purcival did inform Council that B&L trash haulers have requested a 5% increase in monthly contract amount to compensate for extra pickups in the Borough. President Purcival did speak to the President of B&L and explained that the Borough could not afford that increase. B&L were very receptive and understood.

President Purcival reminded everyone to please check the Borough website and sign up for email blasts for emergency information.

On the following dates either by email or verbally, Council was reminded of the set protocols to save taxpayer money by not contacting the professional staff (Solicitor, Engineer, Treasurer) directly. Questions should always be directed through a chain of command. The following dates Council was reminded of this protocol: 12/7/19, 1/1/20, 1/6/20, 1/22/20, 2/26/20, 3/2/20, 3/25/20 and 4/17/20. Tax dollars, especially during these hard financial times, can be spent elsewhere, such as payroll, police equipment, community events and so much more.

At this time President Purcival will entertain a motion to sanction or Censure, which both indicate an expression of formal disapproval or displeasure towards Councilwoman Anna Guy's disregard for a set protocol and a lack of financial responsibility towards the tax monies that are entrusted to us.

Councilman Capobianco made a motion, seconded by Councilman Long, to sanction/Censure Councilwoman Anna Guy for not following protocol; motion carried. Roll call vote: Purcival yes, Bull yes, Capobianco yes, Long yes, Sweigart no, Guy no, Sidlow no

Councilwoman Guy asked why she is being sanctioned and President Purcival did re-explain the protocol.

President Purcival did reorganize the Recreation Committee as follows and appointed Councilman Sidlow as Councilman At Large, Recreation Chairman is Perry Sweigart and committee members are Vice President Bull and Councilman Capobianco.

President Purcival read into the record, a post that appeared on a Facebook page that is maintained by a council member. The person posted that since they are blocked from the Borough's Facebook page they are unaware of COVID-19 restrictions and she hoped if she got

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the virus she could give it to Shirley. This comment could be construed as a threat. President Purcival requested the Mayor and the Chief review the comment to determine if it is a threat against a public official. Mayor Deitman indicated he has already sent the information to the Chief for his review. Actual post reads: "See, things like this I should be able to see but unfortunately I am blocked ... hopefully I don't get the virus and spread it to Shirley by mistake because I had no idea of this state of emergency (laughing emoji)".

Councilman Long explained why the Facebook page was marked "official". The reason being that there was another Borough Facebook page started by another resident that was giving false information to residents. Therefore, the "official" page was marked as such since there are council members assisting a resident in running the site and the information would be correct. Those that were removed from the site did not follow the rules of the site (i.e., one person wrote that President Purcival can go f\_\_k herself along with other rude and explosive comments). ANYONE not following posted rules for the page will be removed from the site.

Junior Councilperson Report: (Sarah Powers) Sarah was excused from the meeting.

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

All police vehicles have been serviced for the month. The two police vehicles will be disinfected on Thursday 4/23/20.

*Public Works* – The Roadmaster (Ryan Cornog) was given permission to purchase a new lawn mower for the Borough. The lawn mower was purchased for a price of \$349.00. The old lawn mower was donated to the Borough several years ago and recently stop working. Councilman Capobianco thanked Mr. Cornog for all he does for the Borough.

Ordinance Report: (Perry Sweigart)

Councilman Sweigart asked Council to review Ordinance No. 561 (Noise Ordinance) so that it can be voted on at the May 2020 meeting.

Councilman Sweigart made a motion, seconded by Vice President Bull, to advertise Ordinance No. 562 – Vehicles and Traffic, Authorizing parking permits for Blossom Avenue – amending certain sections and subsections of Chapter 176 of the General Code; motion carried.

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Councilman Sidlow suggested the Ordinance be advertised someplace other than the Daily Times. Councilman Capobianco will post it on the Borough website and send out on email blast.

Councilman Sweigart made a motion, seconded by Councilman Capobianco, to adopt Resolution No. 1823 – Declaring May 3-9, 2020 as Children’s Mental Health Awareness Week; motion carried.

License & Inspections Report: (Eric Long)

L&I Report for 4/2020:	Permits Issued	Building	2
		Plumbing	1
		Mechanical	0
		Electrical	1
	Use & Occupancy	2 inspections were completed	
	Street Opening Permit	1	

Councilman Sidlow did ask the status of a letter received by all of Council regarding the property at 3215 Tom Sweeney Drive. Councilman Capobianco informed him the issue has been taken care of and all is well.

Fire Marshal Report: (Rob Powers)

Mr. Powers reported that there was 1 fire investigation in the Borough and it turned out to be a result of faulty electrical wires.

Health Inspector Report: (Rob Powers)

Mr. Powers, in his capacity as Health Inspector, issued a temporary food vendor license to The Flying Dutchman to sell his products in Crilly’s parking lot from 11am to 6pm.

Emergency Management Report: (Rob Powers)

All CDC guidelines are being followed. President Purcival did thank Mr. Powers and the Emergency Management Team for their hard work and dedication during this pandemic.

Finance Report: (Doug Bull)

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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.

Councilman Sidlow did ask why there were several different invoices from PECO. It was explained that one bill is for the Borough Building, one bill is for the street lights and one bill is for a street light in Parkside Terrace. He also asked why last month there were two Chester Water Authority invoices. It was explained that one is for the Borough Building and the other is for fire hydrants.

Vice President Bull thanked the professional staff for their hard work during this time. He also reminded everyone that any purchases made relative to COVID-19 need to have the receipts sent to Mr. Powers for reimbursement.

Woodlot Report: (Doug Bull)

The lights in the Woodlot are currently being installed. There are a few remaining items that need to be tended to. When the project is complete and the pandemic allows, a ceremony will be held to officially open the Ford Fitness Trail in the Woodlot.

Councilman Long informed Vice President Bull that currently there are a couple of lights not working in the Woodlot. It was explained that work on the lighting is currently in the works.

Councilman Long also informed everyone that there have been 4-wheelers riding through the Woodlot. He suggested possibly installing speed bumps. It was mentioned that speed bumps could cause trip hazards for those walking the trail. The 4-wheelers will be banned by the police. Councilman Long was assured the police will be monitoring the Woodlot to catch those riding 4 wheelers and motor bikes through the Woodlot.

Recreation Report: (Perry Sweigart)

It was reported that approximately \$200 was spent on the Easter Celebration and all receipts have been reimbursed. The remainder of the \$1000 designated for Easter was returned to the Recreation Budget.

Recycling/MS4 Report; (Anna Guy)

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Councilwoman Guy reported 5.79 tons of recycling were disposed of in the Borough for the month.

President Purcival did ask Councilwoman Guy if she has contacted Verizon or Comcast regarding a site to air meetings on. To date she has not.

Tax Collector Report: (Ed Fisher)

The Treasurer received a total of \$ 788,834.15 to date. There was \$ 140,270.63 in revenue deposits from April 2 to April 13, 2020.

Engineer Report: (Lisa Catania)

Ms. Catania reported that ERNEL (the contractor for the Ford Fitness Trail at the Woodlot) has received a waiver from the State to continue work in the Woodlot. They are currently working on lighting.

The DCNR Grant was submitted for the Wesley Coale Memorial project. The Grant would cover new benches, lighting and landscaping. Ms. Catania suggested that a letter of support for this project would enhance the Borough's chances of obtaining the Grant. Ms. Catania indicated a letter from the Boy Scouts and the Recreation Chair stating how frequently the park is used would be advantageous. Vice President Bull and Councilman Sweigart have offered to forward letters.

Ms. Catania mentioned she needs to get with Vice President Bull to discuss signage for the Ford Fitness Trail at the Woodlot.

Solicitors Report: (Jay Wills)

Mr. Wills stated he has reviewed the trash contract between the Borough and B&L Disposal. It is Mr. Wills' opinion that the Borough is not liable to pay an additional 5% monthly to B&L Disposal.

Mr. Wills has worked with Councilman Sweigart on Ordinances and thanked the Councilman for his diligence on bringing Ordinances up-to-date and accurate.

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**Councilman Capobianco asked about court dates as result of the COVID-19. Mr. Wills informed him that the courts are closed thru 4/30/20.**

**Councilwoman Guy asked Mr. Wills if he had an opportunity to review the case laws she sent him regarding Facebook. President Purcival stated she instructed Mr. Wills not to respond to the email. It would have taken the Solicitor hours to read through all of that and in turn would cost the taxpayers money. Mr. Wills indicated he did not review the paperwork Councilwoman Guy sent.**

**Unfinished Business:                      None**

**New Business:**

**Councilman Sweigart asked if a notice, regarding voting via paper ballot is available for the next election, could be posted on the Borough Website. Councilman Capobianco asked Councilman Sweigart to forward the information to him and he will post it.**

**Councilman Long made a motion, seconded by Councilman Capobianco, authorizing any money spent by contacting the professional staff (out of protocol) by unauthorized members of Council must be reimbursed to the Borough by that Council member; motion carried. Councilman Sweigart asked if this motion is moving forward or retroactive. He was informed it is moving forward. Roll call vote: Purcival yes, Bull yes, Capobianco yes, Long yes, Sweigart no, Sidlow no, Guy no.**

**There being no further business, Councilman Capobianco made a motion, seconded by Councilman Sweigart that the meeting adjourn; motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.**

**PARKSIDE BOROUGH COUNCIL:**

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**Attest: Linda Higgins, Secretary**

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**Shirley Purcival, President**





**Kiera Kelliee**

See, things like this I should be able to see but unfortunately I am blocked ... hopefully I don't get the virus and spread it to Shirley by mistake because I had no idea of this state of emergency 😂🤔  
Pathetic