

**SHERWOOD GREENS ROAD IMPROVEMENT AND MAINTENANCE DISTRICT**  
**413-274-2374**

**Prudential Committee Minutes for July 6, 2019**

Meeting was called to order at 9:12am.

Present were Committee members: Terry Hayden, Dean Lagrotteria, Emily Pfeiffer, Karen Brodie, Marc Schultz, Bruce Lipton & Carl Lucas.

Also present: Thomas Rock, District Superintendent, Kathy Borden, Treasurer and Ernie Lampron from Always Growing.

Residents in attendance: Bob & Sandy Moore, Virginia Lavery, Ken Einhorn, Bob Gerstle, John Peruse, Ira and Barbara Cohen, Steven & Susan Hovani, and Juan Mandelbaum and Clara Sandler.

**Reviewed June 1, 2019 Annual Meeting Minutes**

Virginia Lavery stated she felt the handling of the votes afforded to the herself and husband (Mike Lavery) was unprofessional in her opinion. The discussion concerned ownership of two properties by the same owners is only allowed one vote. Virginia explicitly stated she was offended by the procedural style of the District Clerk as being loud and wanted her comments noted in the Annual Minutes. When asked by the Chair if it would be acceptable to Virginia that her comments be included in the July Minutes as she made no mention during the June Annual Meeting nor during the June Monthly meeting that followed, Virginia Lavery agreed.

Addendum: The District Clerk would like more clarification about the complaint and this discussion will continue at the Sept7th meeting.

Motion made to approve Annual minutes as written, motion seconded and accepted.

**Reviewed June 1, 2019 minutes**

Motion made to approve June 1 2019 minutes as written, motion seconded and accepted.  
Filing with Town Hall to be made the following week.

**Road Report**

Discussion of the Culvert Grant from the HMGP. Upon reading the application requirements, it was decided that more preparation will be needed. An update from Foresight Engineering was suggested, and noted that 25% matching funds from the

District will be needed if grant is awarded. Carl Lucas and Marc Schultz volunteered to investigate the proposal and the feasibility of applying for the grant next year.

The following Items also addressed were:

The removal of trees that were hanging over roads, repaired road damage to Johnson road, a request to Ernie Lampron to remove the excavated dirt on Silvershield Drive South, confirmation of the completed Always Growing invoice item (grade/rake & roll), car fender removed, plants at mail box. Advice to residents to notify authorities if cars are seen on Robin Walk (currently a paper road) again. Also, the request to Ernie to order the correct one-way sign needed for the entrance way. Also mentioned was the fact that the roads were too wet to scourge the edges. A lengthy discussion on the use of black top on the roads, and the use of calcium chloride liquid or flakes to help maintain the roads occurred.

Updated April 5<sup>th</sup> **Priority List** was discussed and approved.

**Action:**

- 1a Cut brush on Silverleaf Sec 2 from Hill to Chavett's House.
3. Cut brush, Grade Rake & Roll, 5 loads material from Chavett's House to intersect Deer Trail.

Motion to accept road report and priority list made & seconded and accepted.

**Discussion and Swearing in of Officials**

Lengthy discussion on the feasibility of a road superintendent position.

A motion was made to postpone the vote to reinstate the road superintendent position for one month.

Another motion was made to determine if the district will keep the position of road superintendent.

A motion was made to establish a small committee to determine the criteria and Job Description for the position. Passed. Karen Brodie volunteered to chair and assemble a new committee. At this time all calls to the Greens (413-274-2374) will be answered by Terry Hayden, District Chair.

**Treasurer's Report**

Reviewed and motion made to accept and motion seconded

## **Review and Sign Warrant**

Reviewed and motion made to accept and motion seconded

## **Lakes Report**

Bruce Lipton agreed to be Lakes representative on Sherwood Greens board. He is working with Ken for the transfer of information pertaining to the Greens' lakes and ponds. There were discussions about the need to test more public access points, use of individuals testing their own waterways, the posting of high bacteria counts in public places, the posting of Conservation meetings, notice of future treatments. The public posting areas are to include beach area, mail box bulletin board, within the minutes accepted, Green's webpage on the Becket Town Hall website, and as a courtesy to continue to send emails to the residents announcing the official notifications in the public places.

The search for other lake management companies continue. It was suggested that another management company work as a consultant with the Greens and Solitude. The consulting company would present information to the Conservation Commission. Bruce will continue to research the costs and feasibility of this joint venture.

Motion made: that we ask our District Clerk to work with Town Hall to enhance our reporting in public places of lake activity and mosquito control activity in order to reach all of the Sherwood Greens' residents.

Passed.

Motion to accept the lake report update, motion seconded and passed.

## **Berkshire Mosquito Control update**

Emily announced that the first spraying will be the 10th of July weather permitting. Town Hall will be notified of this activity for public notice. Readings will be taken after this spraying to determine results. Future spraying will be determined on the results of the tests. Emily will find out when rescheduling will occur if weather prevented the original spraying date. If spraying is needed it will be announced no less than two days before (Monday) the rescheduled Wednesday morning.

Emily made a motion: to add to the above motion the wording "Clerk and Town Hall to explore the all the options of legally informing the residents when spaying is going to happen."

Motion to accept mosquito update, motion seconded and passed with 1 opposition

**Other Business:**

The Attorney Service Engagement Letter for Fiscal year 2020 was presented, briefly described and signed by all board members.

Swearing in of new officers:

Kathleen Borden District Treasurer,

Carl Lucas Prudential Committee officer

Correspondence and Additional Business

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Borden, Assist District Clerk

Documents discussed at this meeting:

FY19 Budget Expense Report June 30 2019

Monthly Cash Report July 6, 2019

Warrants June 30, and July 6, 2019 - Signed