

APRIL 16, 2018 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Deputy Mayor Sapp - Good evening ladies and gentlemen we are now going to call this meeting to order it being 7:30 P.M. We will call our April 16, 2018 Meeting to Order. Tonight's Agenda will stand as it is.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS

Deputy Mayor Sapp - The Agenda will stand as presented.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Deputy Mayor Sapp - The Mayor called me not long ago to ask me if I would chair tonight's meeting so in her absence I moved here in her seat and she does look forward to seeing you all at the next Council Meeting. Maureen Roll Call please.

Mr. Brodnicki
Deputy Mayor Sapp
Mr. Underwood
Mr. Petrucci
Mayor Kuhn - Absent

Also in attendance were Manager Rayan, Secretary Sorce, Finance Director Schrecengost, Director Planning Blackwell and Solicitor Alexander.

CITIZENS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Deputy Mayor Sapp - First we have Kathy Raborn from the Shade Tree Commission.

Kathy Raborn - Hello. Did all of you get the Strategic Plan that I printed out for you?

Deputy Mayor Sapp - Yes.

Kathy Raborn - An article on the first page of The Pittsburgh Post Gazette, February 28th of this year, stated Tree Canopy in Allegheny County is in alarming decline. Unfortunately, they specifically mentioned Penn Hills as one of the Community's most affected. There was also an article in this morning's Post Gazette about the expansion of Tree Pittsburgh and an article in Sunday's Post Gazette about the planting of trees along the North Shore throughout Pittsburgh. The latest Magazine

which I have right here is devoted to trees. So my point is the benefit of trees in Communities is increasing in International, National and Local News. It is timely unfortunate that the Penn Hills Shade Tree Commission was approved by The Municipal Ordinance last year and we already have a Strategic Plan in place to address the decline of the Tree Canopy in Penn Hills. I have given all of you a Council Packet of this Strategic Plan outlining our vision, rolls and upcoming projects for the Tree Canopy which I would like to review. The vision of the Penn Hills Shade Tree Commission is to plant trees in our residential neighborhood and in public areas as beauty for the environmental benefit that trees provide and for economic reasons. Reasons such as increasing our property values and attracting residents and businesses in Penn Hills. Our goals are as follows: Becoming a Municipal Shade Tree Commission which we concluded last year with the approval of a Municipal Ordinance. Determining location in our neighborhoods, parks and schools about the greatest need for tree planting. We have studied aerial maps of Penn Hills. Outreach and publicity. We realize that the success of the Shade Tree Commission is dependent on the participation of Penn Hill's residents. We have reached out to the Municipality by speaking to Community groups, writing newsletter articles, getting publicity in the Penn Hills Progress and The Pittsburgh Post Gazette. Creating a Logo and a Brochure and creating a website and maintaining a strong Face Book presence and participating in Community Events such as Summerfest. I feel that we have been very success in our outreach thus far. Another main goal is to educate our residents on how trees can benefit Penn Hills. Teaching the proper planting methods and pruning too. Many of our volunteers have already learned how to properly plant and prune trees through our tree planting projects in our pruning workshop. In addition, many of our volunteers have become Certified Tree Tenders by completing a course in Urban Forestry which is offered through Tree Pittsburgh. Since Tree Pittsburgh began ten years ago only five Penn Hills Residents were certified as Tree Tenders, however, since The Penn Hills Shade Tree Commission started we have encouraged fifteen additional Penn Hills residents to become Tree Tenders and we have three more residents signed up for next month's certification course. Another goal is to provide direction and input relating trees and their care to the Penn Hills School District, Penn Hills Council, Planning Department, Parks & Recreation and Public Works. In addition we will have fund raising. At this time, small amounts of funds and donations have been obtained to complete projects. Grant researching and submitting grant applications is an ongoing process. We also have a fundraiser scheduled for this Saturday Night and I invite and encourage all of you to attend this fundraiser. It is from seven to ten at the Penn Hebron Garden Club on Jefferson Road. So our projects to date: August 5, 2017, Booth at Summerfest: Displaying our new donated PHSTC banner and our new logo, we raffled off a birch tree donated by Penn Hills Lawn and Garden, raised a small amount of funds for our first tree planting project and increased awareness on our new organization within the Community. October 15, 2017 - Tree Planting at Penn Hills Elementary School: With the help of 30 volunteers, we planted 15 donated trees. We also mulched and fenced them to protect them from the deer. March 11, 2018, Shade Tree Commission Tree Pruning Workshop: 18 volunteers were taught and had hands-on experience on how to properly prune trees. We pruned over 50 small trees at the Penn Hills Elementary School that afternoon.

This past Saturday, April 14, 2018 The Shade Tree Commission organized an Arbor Day Celebration at Penn Hills Community Park. We planted 3 black tupelo trees, we lead a tree identification walk, we had nature crafts for the children and we gave away 50 redbud tree seedlings. Cub Scout Troop 817 sold hot dogs and they helped plant trees. Baby goats were an added attraction. Celine Colbart our local Forester with the Pennsylvania Department of Forestry attended. Mr. John Petrucci, Council Member also attended and read an Arbor Day Proclamation reporting April 14, 2018 as the official Arbor Day in The Municipality of Penn Hills and I thank you for that.

John Petrucci - You are welcome.

Kathy Raborn - We had approximately 50 - 60 Penn Hills Residents attend. Our upcoming events and projects: As I already mentioned, this Saturday from 7 - 10 P.M. we are hosting a fundraiser at The Penn Hills Garden Club on Jefferson Road with food, drink, live music, baskets to raffle and a 50/50 and that is all to raise funds for our upcoming Front Yard Tree Project and once again I invite and encourage all of you to attend. So our Front Yard Tree Project will be starting next month. The Shade Tree Commission is offering to plant 40 trees for free in the front yards of homeowners on Veronica Drive and fence it from the deer. The Shade Tree Commission has worked with Chris in the Planning Department and we have developed a map of the utilities and the right of ways on Veronica Drive. In addition, each home owner will be required to call Pennsylvania One Call to mark all the underground utilities before plans are made. We are having a meeting on April 26th again at the Penn Hebron Garden Club Barn for all Veronica Drive residents to answer any questions or concerns. Beginning in June 2018 through this summer and next summer 2019 The Shade Tree Commission will be working to restore the planting along Plum Creek in Penn Hills Community Park. This summer we will start by removing the Japanese Knotweed from the bank of Plum Creek. Next summer The Shade Tree Commission will plant native trees and shrubs along the creek to restore a natural habitat. We are currently applying for grants to fund this project. The Shade Tree Commission has a future role to work with The Penn Hills Planning Department to encourage local businesses to replace the trees and shrubs that are already required by the Planning Commission. Many of those trees and shrubs have died or were removed or were never replaced as required by the Municipality. This will be a great improvement on our commercial corridors. In conclusion, The Shade Tree Commission is hoping that our Strategic Plan for increasing the Tree Canopy of Penn Hills will become a component of the Municipality's Comprehensive Plan. By working together towards our goals and implementing our projects, The Shade Tree Commission with the support of the Municipality expects to make a positive impact on the Tree Canopy. I thank you. This is our official Proclamation that John Petrucci read and signed.

John Petrucci - Thank you.

Deputy Mayor Sapp - Thank you so much Kathy for all that you and The Shade Tree Commission does to embellish Penn Hills. We live here and we certainly want to

make it beautiful and keep it beautiful and when our visitors come through Penn Hills we want them to say WOW Penn Hills sure does look nice so thank you so much for what you do and we certainly appreciate this wonderful Strategic Plan that you prepared for us and put together. More of the Council Members will try to attend. There was a conflict of interest that day because the litter group had something as well as Arbor Day so we try to split ourselves and so that is why I wasn't there to attend your day and thank you so much and we were well represented by Councilman Petrucci so again thank you and keep up the good work.

Kathy Raborn - I hope to see some of you Saturday Night but I understand if you can't.

Chris Blackwell - I was going to ask you what time?

Kathy Raborn - 7:00 - 10:00 P.M.

Deputy Mayor Sapp - Excuse me Kathy. I would like to ask you a question. Someone, a resident planted a little tree on Graham and Frankstown Road right at the bus shelter. If you have time or when you have time could you please ride down and look at that shelter in that little island and see if that tree is appropriate to be planted there?

Kathy Raborn - Sure.

Deputy Mayor Sapp - Thank you so much.

Mr. Petrucci - Can I interject something about that tree?

Deputy Mayor Sapp - Yes you can.

Mr. Petrucci - There have been some inquiries about that. That is County property down there. The County knows the tree was planted. They think I guess that what they are all worried about is how big that tree is going to get and who is going to take care of it.

Deputy Mayor Sapp - Exactly. That is why I asked the expert to go and check it out for us.

Mr. Petrucci - It is a Pine.

Kathy Raborn - You said an Evergreen?

Mr. Petrucci - Yes ma'am.

Kathy Raborn - O.K.

Deputy Mayor Sapp - So if you could come back with a report or send it up to us it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you so much.

EXPENDITURES

Mr. Brodnicki made a Motion to approve the **Expenditures of April 16, 2018 - Journal Vouchers - 0 - \$0.00, C.D. Requisition - 0 - \$0.00 and Master 40313 - 40423 - \$1,726,507.23** making a Grand Total of \$1,726,507.23.

Mr. Underwood seconded the Motion.

Mr. Petrucci - No on Check No. 40396 to Don Kuhn Auto Body for \$600.00 and yes on all the rest.

There being no further discussion the Motion was approved by a 4-0 vote.

RESOLUTIONS

Mr. Brodnicki made a Motion to approve **Resolution 2018-017** - awarding a Contract to State Pipe Services, Inc., for The 2018 CCTV Inspection Contract-A for a Total Bid Cost of \$168,610.00.

Mr. Petrucci seconded the Motion.

Deputy Mayor Sapp - I have one. Moe I just wanted to know if this is a company that we always use or is this a new company?

Moe Rayan - State Pipe is a company that we have used in the past and it is an open bid for all companies and they were the apparent low bid.

Deputy Mayor Sapp - So we have used them in the past, correct?

Moe Rayan - Yes, correct.

Deputy Mayor Sapp - Thank you. Maureen Roll Call.

There being no further discussion, the Motion was approved by a 4-0 vote.

Mr. Underwood made a Motion to approve **Resolution No. 2018 - 018** - awarding a Contract to Insight Pipe Contracting, LLC, for The 2018 CCTV Inspection Contract-B for a Total Bid Cost of \$163,990.00.

Mr. Brodnicki seconded the Motion.

Deputy Mayor Sapp - Moe I have one. Same question. Is this someone that we used in the past or is this a new one?

Moe Rayan - No this is a company that we have used in the past as well.

Deputy Mayor Sapp - O.K. thank you. Maureen, Roll Call, please.

There being no further discussion the Motion was approved by a 4-0 vote.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

None.

INTRODUCTION FOR ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, ETC.

None.

REPORTS FROM MAYOR, COUNCIL AND MANAGER

Mr. Petrucci - O.K. we were all privileged well the three of us were privileged to go up to the ALOM, Allegheny League of Municipalities up at Seven Springs last week end and each one of us went to different classes and I believe each one of us is going to give a different report on something that we thought was interesting and a possible benefit to the Community. I sat through a course that was given by a gentlemen named James A. Fealth and what this gentleman was talking about was Parks and how Parks benefit the Community. 2001 survey by the National Association of Realtors found that 57% of potential home buyers would choose a home close to a Park or open space over one that is not. 50% of home buyers would be willing to pay 10% more for a home near a Park or open space. Parks can be used as a tool to attract home buyers as research shows that Parks and Trails rank among the top amenities home buyers are looking for. Now why is this an economic benefit? It attracts home buyers, attracts business investment, generates economic activity, increases property values, increases tax revenue, social benefits, promote physical activity, reduce health care cost, reduce crime, create strong and vibrant Communities. Economical benefits are storm water reduction, MS4 and pollution reduction and air quality. Now I could go on and on for an hour with this because there is a ton of information that he gave us and basically what it is is there is a lot of people that are looking for activities outside now. A couple examples is Allegheny County right now is putting gym equipment in all their Parks. If you go past Boyce Park on the left hand side they have put in an elliptical machine there, they put a stationary bike, they put some thigh master machines there. They are increasing their Parks so it attracts more people. People are attracted to Parks is what this gentleman has portrayed to me. He says with that people are looking to move into the Communities. Now being all that said the last and I will read you the last sentence on this because I think it means the most. Parks increase tax revenue. How often do we hear Communities cannot afford the amenities on a tight budget. If research shows

positive impact to home values which translates to increase revenue how can we not increase and invest in our recreation. O.k. when he was showing me the slides and if anybody wanted to see the slides they can e-mail me and I will be sure to give you the slides because he sent them to me through an e-mail. 2003 there was Rails for Trails down on Allegheny River Blvd. Howard Davidson was involved, Chris Blackwell was involved and the Mayor was on Planning and Michael Fanzo, Al Papa and this was something that we really missed the boat on not getting it. There was a Park down there, let me back this up a little bit. When Jim was showing the slides up there he showed somewhere around Kinzua there was a tunnel and these people walked through the tunnel into this Park and it gave me an idea. Being from the Community down behind the Shell Station on Allegheny River Blvd. and Sandy Creek there is a tunnel and it goes underneath the ground. Now Mr. Getsy might remember there used to be the Anchorage Inn used to be there. Years ago on that piece of property and what my Grandfather told me is that was a meeting place for everybody and they use to go down and walk through the tunnel and go to the island that was sitting there along the river and they used to swim, fish and boat sometimes. I looked back with the help of Mr. Blackwell and go through the plans for the Park that we lost through Rails for Trails and the reason why we lost it if anybody remembers is a Mr. Russ Peterson owns the Railroad and please jump in Chris if you like. Mr. Peterson won't let us use the Railroad Property so we lost Rails for Trails but that doesn't mean that we could lose the Park so I was talking to Chris about it and there is some Grant money out there that we could look for in 2019 and maybe we should reopen this and do a study on it to see if we could bring it back possibly. I know if we would get this with the fishing and the boating and make this a center we would get a lot more people that would want to come down there and get involved in this so that was my thoughts on this. Any other thoughts?

Chris Blackwell - In 2003 as you stated we had a feasibility study for Rails for Trails Project and we also included a Riverfront Park at Sandy Creek. We received a \$450,000 Grant but as you said Mr. Peterson would not give us a right away over the railroad tracks and perhaps it is an active railroad but I think a day like today you wouldn't want to be walking through that tunnel.

Mr. Petrucci - I am sure it needs updated.

Chris Blackwell - I also at the last meeting you all recommended approval of two Grants DCNR Grant and Active Allegheny Grant for trails. We are always actively trying to work on these and the DCNR included fitness equipment like you were talking about for Penn Hills Park. Filing out these Grants a lot of what I feel we are lacking is they want shovel ready specifications, engineered drawings so I think if this is something that Mayor & Council want to do, when we are talking about Budget Hearings, so come October what we would need to do is some sort of feasibility study for 2019, 20 and 21 to actually look for funding but I think we have to remember that we need to spend some money on engineering, drawings that is what the Communities are getting money and are spending significant amount of it on drawings. The other thing is the DCNR

Grant it is a 50/50 match. So if we are talking about \$450,000 Grant for a Park there is a match. This feasibility study for that trail was \$3,000,000.00.

Mr. Petrucci - That was for the whole trail.

Chris Blackwell - I am just saying for a \$1.5 million dollar grant. So keep those things in mind when we apply for these grants it may be wise to start out with a smaller grant and get a feasibility study to see what it is really going to cost.

Mr. Petrucci - But you agree that this would be a worthwhile thing to look into?

Chris Blackwell - Oh absolutely. Every year, every month, quarterly I sit and go to different meetings. We are working on these types of activities all the time. Active Allegheny is trying to bring a trail from Allegheny River Blvd. to Boyce Park.

Mr. Petrucci - Right and another thing that they mentioned at the ALOM Conference that I think you were sitting with me at that time the way they are doing the Rails for Trails now it is going to go up through Millvale and go through Sharpsburg and it is going to head all the way to Harrison. We saw the diagram and they call those arteries. Now somewhere down the line I am not saying it is not going to happen overnight and we know this park isn't going to happen overnight but it is something to look forward to. They have veins and one of the veins could be from Penn Hills to Verona to Oakmont across the Hulton Bridge and then hook up to the Rails for Trails that is going up to Harrison. It is an option. Mr. Peterson from what I understand and I did speak with Dave Ricupero, Mayor of Verona today and he was also mentioned and I will bring this up real quick. There is a bridge that he owns, he gives the bridge up because it needs so much repairs maybe we will get that chance of being able to put that vein down there. He might give that up who knows but it is always a possibility. O.K. so it would benefit Verona and it would benefit Oakmont and everybody else who is interested in it also.

Chris Blackwell - When it becomes Budget Time again maybe we include some money into this feasibility study to then be able to spend money in 2019 so then we are really ready to go with a super grant.

Mr. Petrucci - Thank you.

Mr. Underwood - The owner of that track is emphatic he would not let anything be put in there because he was that emphatic and he hasn't changed his attitude. Now that goes back to former Mayor Anthony DeLuca, Jr. way back when and it hasn't changed. With that piece of information because I have been on Council so long I know those things.

Mr. Petrucci - Very good.

Deputy Mayor Sapp - Thank you so much Councilman Petrucci that was a great report. I have a question Chris so when you were talking about the match so you are saying you want to take our \$30,000 and apply for a \$60,000 but you said something about non refundable. Is that for a specific grant?

Chris Blackwell - (inaudible)

Deputy Mayor Sapp - So o.k. are you familiar and I know that you are but what you were talking about how the County is looking forward to Connecting that is what they are called Connect Parks so we won't be able to bike trail from here to Washington D.C., however, they are going to factor us and connect us for Oakmont, Verona, Penn Hills and Plum. We will connect and go all the way up on a trail into this park. So it is called a Connect.

Chris Blackwell - The Active Allegheny Grant that you authorized that is for a feasibility study to see how that will go. Same route. This is from Allegheny River Blvd. and it passes through Oakmont and passes through Penn Hills Park and on the other side of the road it would then come through Milltown from there. So then there are trails that go through private property so those people are not eager to have trails running through their properties. That is what the feasibility study is for.

Mr. Petrucci - Jim was telling us in that class he was telling us about a master plan. They had to develop a master plan before this DCNR gives you any type of money but River Front Property he was saying is more prevalent to getting the loan or the grant money than a regular park.

Deputy Mayor Sapp - Well I would like to add to that last year Penn Hills wasn't even mentioned at all by our County Executor so this year Penn Hills was pretty much mentioned and I was very happy about that. That was very good. I was proud that we were mentioned and I did thank him for mentioning us this year so thank you Councilman Petrucci. Councilman Brodnicki do you have a report?

Mr. Brodnicki - One of the seminars was on the new DAS System. It is going to bring wireless closer to your homes as far as for like futuristic antennas that you put on top of the telephone poles. Eventually it would take place of possibly the big cell towers and it allows more to have wireless so cars, computers, it is pretty exciting. It is going to help us all as far as in the future goes. The thing that we have to remember that our contracts are coming up to make sure that we make provisions to get the proper user fees from using or Right Away to put these in, also maybe look at our Ordinances when the other systems like towers and things start to be obsolete who is going to take them down and making these companies be responsible for that. Whether they take them down or they pay us to take them down. It is exciting new technology and as everybody knows technology is reported by leaps and bounds every day. This is just the next step here.

Deputy Mayor Sapp - That was a good report thank you so much Councilman Brodnicki. Just to add a little bit to what you were saying is we did learn that we are going to look at our Ordinance because we want to make sure that our Ordinance is up to date because things are ever changing when it comes to wireless and communications and all of these different wireless infrastructures so our Solicitor is going to take a look at our Ordinance and he is going to make sure that it has the proper verbiage in it because what I am finding is that there is a bill that is being passed and it is called The House Bill 1620 and it is entitled The Wireless Infrastructure Development Bill and what they want is for us to give up our Right Away so we are going to protect ourselves and our Solicitor is going to again look at our Ordinance that we have in place and make sure that the verbiage is correct and it is updated. So thank you so much Mr. Brodnicki for that report. Then just to give my report with regards to the ALOM Conference, you are going to be so excited.

Mr. Petrucci - She is really excited about this report. This is on top of her list.

Deputy Mayor Sapp - I am so excited. The reason that it is at the top of the list is because it is at the top of your list. I am so excited that we won't have any more complaints that you will come smiling and everyone will now be informed. So one of the things, Councilman Petrucci and Councilman Brodnicki as well as our Municipal Manager we went and we spoke to this company called Savvy Citizens and what it is it is a company that will provide alerts to us, municipal updates, event reminders, community news, alerts and it will also give us push notifications, e-mails and text messages so now everybody can be informed. It will come to your computer, it will come to your phone. It is so easy to use and very friendly to use. Once those messages to your phone you will be informed and at the bottom you can just push the link and it will take you right to The Penn Hills website and I mean anybody, anybody who is not familiar with technology so we are actually going to have a meeting with a representative from this company so he can come and further explain it to us but now let me just read it to you. Savvy Citizens provides a fast and easy way for local governments to send helpful information directly to residents via Municipal updates, event reminders, community news alerts. You will also again get the push notifications, e-mails and text messages to all residents. I know we don't have 44,000 any more according to our census but we are just going to use that number. No resident none of the 44,000 will never not be informed any more. O.K. and guess what the good news it won't be any cost to our residents so that is a wonderful thing. So that is my report and I am excited about that because that is one of the things that you guys always talk about.

Mr. Petrucci - Tell the folks how much this is going to cost and how reasonable it is and how inexpensive.

Deputy Mayor Sapp - O.K. I probably am going to wait until we meet with the representative to make sure he gave us the correct information so our residents don't come back and say well you said it was going to cost x, y and z. It is very reasonable

and we are very excited. Our Municipal Manager is excited as well so he is going to look over it and make sure it is doable for us and if it is look forward to that coming soon. So now all of our residents will be informed. I know you are happy.

Chris Blackwell - I just want to add I have some notes here after some discussion last meeting and there was a time recently on our newer website we had an e-mail blast where you would sign up for e-mail and we could ask IT if we could bring that back and then the other thing was very simple you give your e-mail and then we will send out the information.

Deputy Mayor Sapp - Yes I like that Chris because this communication is one way so this is our news coming out to the residents and the residents can't communicate back to us so we definitely want to keep that in addition to. Yes and I like this because for our older residents who are not familiar with how to use smart phones or computers this is so simple that it just pops up on your phone and you really don't have to do anything and it will alert you. So we will definitely talk about that in addition to because I think that we definitely need to hear from the residents as well. Thank you so much. Now before I give my final reports I am going to ask Councilman Underwood didn't attend this year and we missed you so much, I always miss you but I would like to ask you if you have any reports to give.

Mr. Underwood - Obviously since I was not in attendance there I had prior schedules so naturally I would not have any reports.

Deputy Mayor Sapp - You always have something good to say so I just wanted not to leave you out. So thank you and hopefully you will be able to join us next year because we certainly missed you.

Deputy Mayor Sapp - I am going to move along with my other reports. I don't have them in any order so I am just going to report as they are recorded. So I want to give a report on Officer Josh Martinelli he assisted a young lady who had to 302 her Mom and she was very nervous and concerned on how the Penn Hills Police would handle her situation. She reported that Officer Josh went above and beyond the call of duty, handled her Mother with care, got her situated without a fight and she wanted Mayor & Council and you to know Moe that he did a very good job and he went above his call of duty and if you would please give him that report she would greatly appreciate it. My next report is on the Penn Hills Anti-Litter Group. The Anti-Litter Group met this past Saturday at Long and Paris Roads. There were approximately 23 Penn Hills residents that came out and did a wonderful job cleaning up Long Road. I was most impressed because there was an 84 year old man that drove all the way down to express his gratitude to Faith and there also was a 61 year resident who also participated and gave us a lot of insight over the years on Penn Hills, so Faith I just wanted to tell you and your team keep up the good job and you deserve applause. Penn Hills is beautiful and we live here and this is our place where we live and we want it to always be beautiful and I enjoyed my time as I usually do and please don't ever get

tired of what you do because we need you and your team. So thank you so much to The Penn Hills Anti-Litter Group and it looks so beautiful and the sun was shining and the roads were so clean. Next I have a report and this is written not very nice. It was a nice report but the handwriting is not very good so I am writing this letter on behalf of my husband and myself to comment on oh gosh so how about you read it Mr. Rayan.

Moe Rayan - I had trouble reading it too. EMS did a wonderful job when her husband was suffering a heart issue. They helped her and assisted him and her so she wanted to let us know, Mayor & Council how appreciative she was with the crews that attended to her husband. That is the bottom line. She wanted us to know that she appreciated everything and they had some old chemicals and stuff like that in their kitchen cupboard and that caused a problem with her husband so it was an appreciation of EMS Services.

Deputy Mayor Sapp - He really did improvise, however, they did have an explosion in their kitchen so with that in mind please be aware of your chemicals and how you have them stored in your kitchen with your heat if they are above the stove because that really could have been a worse situation but we thank the Penn Hills Officer as well as the EMS who assisted her and her husband and making them very comfortable and got them out of the house safely.

Moe Rayan - Station 227 Fire Company assisted.

Deputy Mayor Sapp - Please make sure they get that as well. I have another report. This is from Diane Fitzhenry. She says I received a phone call today from a former coworker of mine regarding two recent ambulance calls where she was a patient. She was extremely complimentary of the crew and she stated how professional and empathetic they all were. I thanked her for the call and said that I would pass the information along. I haven't worked with her for over 42 years and haven't seen her for ten plus years but I thought it was very nice of her to track me down to compliment the crew so again thank you Penn Hills EMS and Police Officers. They are doing a very very fine job. We always get these kinds of compliments for our EMS and Police Officers, so good job and please let them know.

Moe Rayan - Will do.

Deputy Mayor Sapp - There is something that is very special near and dear to my heart and it has to do with the Crescent Hills Civic Association. They have a lot going on but upcoming every Wednesday starting June 13th at 11:00 A.M. they will have story time in the Park. So if you have small children, if you are a nanny to any small children, an auntie to any small children every Wednesday at 11:00 please take the children up to the Park in Crescent Hills and enjoy story time. I think I am just about finished. I received this in my packet and it is a very nice complement to Penn Hills and it is a Penn Hills Quality Community and whenever you bought your house you probably received from the chuck wagon that welcomes you to Penn Hills or something from your

realtor that gave you something that says Welcome to Penn Hills and enlightened you to what services were available here in Penn Hills, what businesses, housing government, education facilities and parks and things like that, restaurants and things like that so I just wanted to say that this is very nice but it needs to be updated and I don't know who is responsible for it but whenever the new one comes out I would really like to see more diversity in here. Penn Hills is a very diverse Community and there is only one culture that I see in this folder so if we could make this more diverse.

Resident from Audience - What is the copyright date?

Mr. Petrucci - There isn't one. I can tell you how old those cars are in there though.

Deputy Mayor Sapp - Penn Hills has always been a very diverse Community so when the new one comes up and it is updated please make sure whoever took these photos that we have everyone represented in it.

Chris Blackwell - At the last meeting the Mayor mentioned the Economic Development Committee and the Mayor seemed sort of like it was a good gig but we didn't really do much. I started bringing up things that we did. I went to the basement and pulled out and there were hundreds of them and I just wanted to show you that is a product of the Economic Development Committee and so that was a publication that they put out and the idea was that those things in the center be pulled out and updated. It definitely needs to be updated and I don't know if she remembered it but we did try to put together so maybe if the Mayor and Council does have another Economic Committee that is something that you might put out.

Deputy Mayor Sapp - Yes because this is very beautiful and I think that it would make the new home owner feel very welcome and it will enlighten them on what is going on even just perspective home owners when I read this whole thing I was like I would want to live there. I looked at it and it was kind of one sided so you would need to make this more diverse. O.K. and thank you so much and great job. I can't wait until the new one comes out. Alright any other reports?

Mr. Petrucci - Deputy Mayor my laundry list. I know you want me to keep this quick. I am going to keep this quick.

Deputy Mayor Sapp - Good Job.

Mr. Petrucci - First of all as a liaison officer to the school board meetings the last school board meeting they passed House Bill 218 which I asked them to please take a look at it and they did pass it. House Bill 218 is the law enforcement aspect of this where any Officer who is off duty or retired may carry a weapon inside the school so we had an incident up North and I believe Mr. Alexander was involved in it where an Off Duty Officer went up to pick up his child and he had his service weapon on him and they

arrested him at the door. Unless you adopt that and get that into your school district yes you can be arrested but right now Penn Hills did adopt it. Second thing I want to talk about there is a couple different things here that people have been texting me, e-mailing me, instant messaging me about. One situation and the three of us were sitting at the ALOM Seminar and there was a question and answer to some of these Senators and Legislators and one of my questions was what could we do about grants or some type of Federal Funding to help the people out on Bramble Street and I asked this to Senator Costa and right now there is no type of funding available. I had another incident today that somebody instant messenger me I guess on Webster there was some type of a land slide going on and she was asking the same question. I informed her that there is no funding available. Mr. Costa was talking about possibly doing something along the lines with insurance. Deputy Mayor am I correct in that cause you guys were sitting there also. With insurance availability for these people but nothing is in place right now. So that was one thing I wanted to comment about. Mr. Getsy you had asked about some type of report from the Code Enforcement and we all have a copy of it now and it will be on a monthly basis and we will review it and see how that is going. Somebody else also and I believed that you mentioned this to me Deputy Mayor about the flags and banners on Rodi Plaza, 645 ARB and Sandy Creek and Saltsburg and Frankstown. We discussed it also and Mr. Rayan is going to see if Public Works can possibly take those down, am I correct in assuming that Mr. Rayan?

Moe Rayan - Yes that is correct.

Mr. Petrucci - So that was another thing. Somebody inquired about food trucks. Why can't we have food trucks? Well we do have some food trucks and I was informed we have them at certain events but there is an Ordinance in Penn Hills that says we can't just can't have food trucks anywhere. Somebody mentioned that we should tear down Sandy Creek Inn and put food trucks. First of all I inquired about Sandy Creek Inn through Planning Department and right now I believe and you correct me if I am wrong they are having some type of coffee shop in there or something you were saying?

Chris Blackwell - I don't know how that is going. There are charges being filed and they really need to demolish that.

Mr. Petrucci - O.K. so that is not an option. O.K. but we are and I think we discussed about the food trucks and yes at special events they are going to have food trucks. There was a couple down at that Black Dog Winery and I heard that went very well. So that is another thing that I wanted to address. Other than that I think everything else is good and don't forget our April 26 Penn Hills Clean Up. 22nd I am sorry. I have it written here. It is Saturday, 8:00 Universal, I mean Sunday. Wow am I off this week. April 22, Sunday, 8:00 Universal Park. I hope everybody can come. They will be giving out rubbish bags, plastic bags, vests and gloves I believe so hopefully everybody can attend. There also is one on the 21st, three on the 21st, well I saw the one up at Lincoln Park where are the other ones at? O.K. Stotler Road. If you can't attend one please try to attend the other. That is all Deputy Mayor.

Deputy Mayor Sapp - Any other reports, Council, Chris, Moe, Ed, Maureen. Well I would like to thank you all for coming out tonight to tonight's Council Meeting to take part in what is going on in your Municipality. So thank you again for coming and have a great week everyone and I would like to have a Motion to Adjourn this meeting?

Deputy Mayor Sapp - Yes I apologize I was going to say that afterwards but we will have an Executive Session after we adjourn. Now do I have a motion to adjourn?

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Petrucci entertained a Motion to adjourn.

Mr. Underwood seconded the Motion.

Deputy Mayor Sapp - Meeting is adjourned. Thank you and have a good week everyone.

Mr. Petrucci - Have a good week.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 P.M.

Chris Blackwell - Penn Hills Musical starts this weekend coming up also. Friday and Saturday - 7:00. It is the Big Fish.

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