

**BOROUGH OF WEST READING
TRAFFIC & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE**

JULY 8, 2020

The Borough of West Reading Traffic & Infrastructure Committee met on Wednesday, July 8, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. via a Zoom Meeting, with the following persons present: Chairman Christopher Lincoln; Council Member Patrick Kaag; Mayor Andrew Kearney; Borough Manager Nicholas Imbesi; and Borough Secretary Cynthia Madeira.

Visitors: Karen Livingood, Resident

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Approval of Minutes

Motion made to approve the Traffic and Infrastructure Committee minutes of June 10, 2020 by Mayor Kearney and seconded by Mr. Kaag. **Motion carried.**

Old Business

Parkview Road Pedestrian Bridge – Systems Design Engineering has applied to the Department of Environmental Protection for a Water Obstruction and Encroachment permit to install a pre-fabricated pedestrian bridge upon existing roadway bridge abutments that span the Wyomissing Creek. The review process should be rather simple since there are no proposed change in flows. Revised counter proposal information to present to UGI has not yet been provided by the engineer.

Penn Avenue Parking – Additional Flowbird signs have been received at no charge to the Borough. However, additional signs are needed to post at every parking stall within the shopping center paid parking lot. Additional signs will be requested from Flowbird.

The Mayor noted that beginning on July 13th a patrolman will be assigned to the Penn Avenue area from 8am to 5pm.

Penn Avenue Infrastructure – Mr. Imbesi shared information provided by Dean Murray earlier today that PennDOT is scheduled to begin ADA ramp repairs at the 8th and Penn Avenue intersection tonight and plans to move onto the 3rd and Penn Avenue intersection next week. The Penn Avenue granite ADA ramp repairs have not yet begun. Improvements to the Norfolk Southern Railroad Bridge crossing Penn Avenue were discussed. Ideas such as raised lettering with back lighting and mural painting were mentioned and it was suggested to discuss design ideas with the West Reading Community Revitalization Foundation.

Parking in Alleys – Staff members were requested to gather information regarding existing alley signage to compare with current ordinance regulations. This information should be forwarded to Mr. Lincoln prior to the next meeting to allow an overhead view map to be created for further discussion.

New Business

Illegal Left Turn – Mr. Imbesi shared a complaint from a business owner in the vicinity of 5th Avenue and the shopping center parking lot, where the owner wishes to install a lighted sign to deter illegal left turns into the parking lot. Mr. Lincoln will review PennDOT regulations to determine if PennDOT approval is needed to add to an existing sign restriction.

Adjournment

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 6:29 p.m. by Mayor Kearney and seconded by Mr. Kaag. **Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Madeira
Borough Secretary