

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

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2019**

The Borough of West Reading Traffic & Infrastructure Committee met on Wednesday, January 9, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at Borough Hall, with the following persons present: Chairman Christopher Lincoln; Mayor Andrew Kearney; Public Works Director Dean Murray (arrived at 6:24 pm); Borough Manager Cathy Hoffman and Main Street Manager Mark Ratcliffe (left at 6:23 pm)

**Visitors:** Karen Livingood, Resident  
Dale Miller, Resident

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Public Comment**

Dale Miller spoke about the traffic on Sunset Road as a result of the closing of the Parkview Road Bridge and noted that vehicles are going the wrong way on Sunset Road. Buses and trucks are also using it as a shortcut through the Borough. Berks Catholic will be contacted and asked to have their buses use 5<sup>th</sup> and Penn rather than residential streets.

**Old Business**

**Penn Avenue Parking** – Mr. Ratcliffe reported that the kiosk has been ordered and that work progresses on obtaining all of the necessary information to move the project forward. A parking workshop will be held on January 23<sup>rd</sup> to make some of the remaining decisions.

**Green Light-Go Grant** – Bids for the project were received this afternoon and will be presented to Council for award of the project on January 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Penn Avenue Infrastructure** – Mr. Murray met with Mr. Unger earlier in the day to discuss the stall lines that will need to be painted on Penn Avenue, once the paving has been completed by PennDOT. Given that the existing spaces vary from 18 to 25 feet, a new unified plan will be proposed with the hopes of adding additional spaces on the Avenue.

**2<sup>nd</sup> & Penn Avenue Pedestrian Crossing** – The speed trailer has been relocated to that area in the hopes of slowing traffic however no additional speed details have taken place. Mr. Murray indicated that MetEd has been asked to install a cobra light head at the crosswalk on an existing pole.

**Cherry Street Pedestrians** – The electronic speed sign has not yet been placed in the alley behind Edwards Business Systems. Mr. Murray said that he hope to have it placed there within the coming week.

**New Business**

**Playground Drive** – Motorists are turning right onto Playground Drive from Parkview Road therefore additional signage will be added to the intersection to prohibit these illegal turns.

**Approval of Minutes**

Moved by Mayor Kearney and seconded by Mr. Murray to approve the Traffic and Infrastructure Committee minutes of December 12, 2018, as amended. **Motion carried.**

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cathy Hoffman  
Borough Manager