

**BOROUGH OF WEST READING
TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JULY 9, 2014**

The Borough of West Reading Traffic Committee met on Wednesday, July 9, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at Borough Hall, with the following persons present: Police Chief Stephen Powell, Borough Manager Rich Sichler, Public Works Director Dean Murray and Mayor Valentin Rodriguez, Code Enforcement Officer Tracey Levering, and Parking Enforcement Officer Jason Witman were unable to attend.

Visitor: Elizabeth Heckler

Mr. Sichler called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS:

Parking - Mr. Sichler said he contacted the school about their staff parking on Borough streets instead of their parking lot and they indicated they will discuss the issue with staff. He also noted that Mr. Wert had contacted ManorCare about their staff parking.

Curb Painting - Mr. Murray said that they will paint the yellow curbs in a three year rotation – the Borough will be divided into three sections: north, southeast and southwest. This will not include 5th Avenue or Penn Avenue. He indicated that their white line painting is going well for this season considering the number of storms that have made the striping schedule difficult to maintain.

Dumpster Lights – Mr. Sichler said that flashing lights for dumpsters are easily attainable at Grainger or U-Line and the cost is only \$10 each which is not prohibitive. After some discussion it was decided that rather than the Borough renting out these lights, it will be the responsibility of the dumpster permit holder to obtain the proper lighting.

Traffic Control Devices on North Side – This was discussed and the consensus was that there are many areas in the Borough that should have traffic control devices however if a traffic study is necessary for every situation, it could be very costly. It was decided that PennDOT would be consulted to determine how much the Borough can do without having to do a traffic study.

NEW BUSINESS:

Parking on S. 6th – Mr. Murray received a complaint concerning people parking in the patient drop off/pick up spaces on 6th Avenue at the corner of Spruce. The signs indicate that the spaces are for loading and unloading from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. After some discussion it was decided that the curbs will be painted white at that location to enforce the signage. If that doesn't work, then the property owners will have to make a request to the Traffic Committee to have the spaces changed to 20 minute spaces.

20 Minute Space on Reading Avenue – Mr. Sichler noted that the new Tiger Mart has requested a 20 minute space in front of their location near Reading and 6th. At one time there was a 20 minute space at that location therefore the ordinance will have to be reviewed to determine the status of the space. If it is still legally designated as a 20 minute space the sign will be reinstalled.

Turning Signs at 3rd and Penn – Property Owner John Jackson submitted a request to the Committee concerning the signage at 3rd and Penn. He would like to have a sign placed that says 'right turn only' because the current sign doesn't seem to be understood by many people. It was suggested that a white arrow be painted on the street instead of adding another sign to the post.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Hoffman
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