

BOROUGH OF WEST READING TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, JULY 13, 2016

The Borough of West Reading Traffic Committee met on Wednesday, July 13, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at Borough Hall. The following persons were present: Chair Christopher Lincoln, Mayor Valentin Rodriguez, Jr., Police Chief Stephen Powell, and Borough Secretary Cathy Hoffman.

Visitors: None

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

Trucks Restrictions

The ordinance that will restrict truck traffic on certain streets in the Borough has been advertised and will be brought to Council at the July 19th Council meeting. Letters will be sent to companies that are known to have businesses that have been using Borough street.

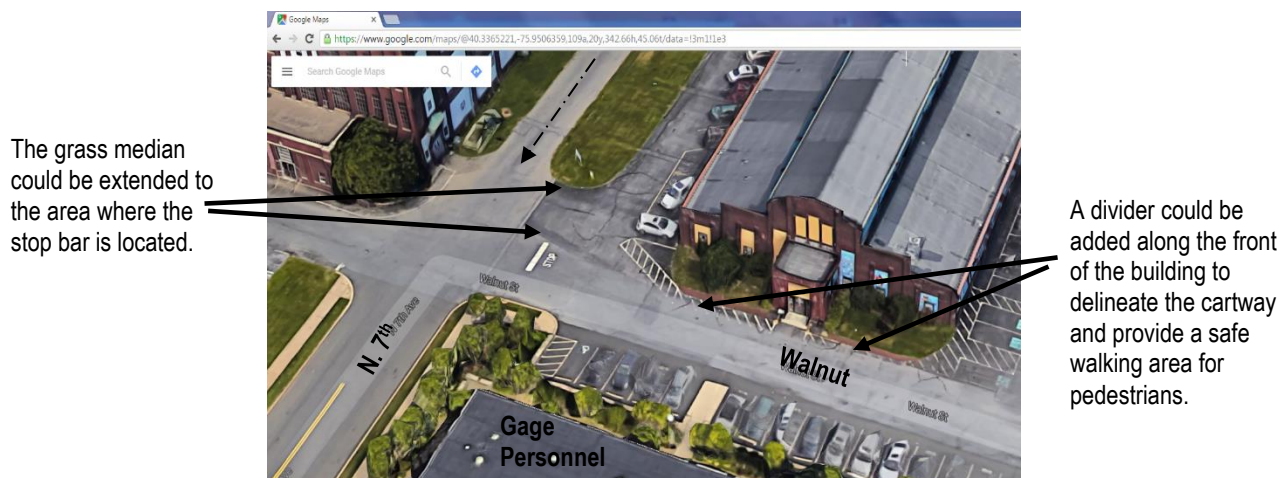
Radar Signs

Chief Powell reported that both signs have been received. The units are being prepared for attachment to bands that will be locked around poles. It was noted that the battery for each unit will last up to one to two weeks. Solar units were not considered because of the amount of shade on many Borough streets.

Possible locations were suggested such as Penn Avenue and on Sycamore Road by the Pavilion. Chief Powell noted that the placement of the unit will be critical because the data that will be gathered could be skewed by other moving objects such as bicycles.

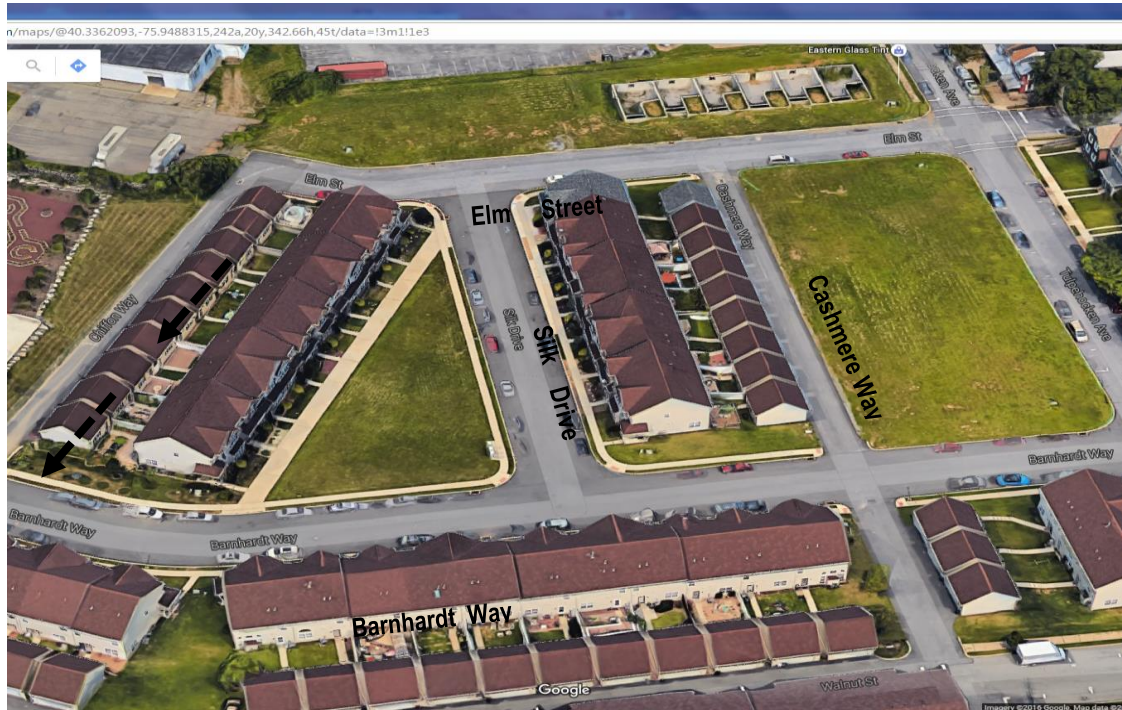
N. 7th and Walnut

It has been determined that the section of Walnut Street immediately east of N. 7th Avenue is Borough property, however with the right-of-way width being 20 feet, it is an alley, not a street. Discussion ensued concerning the 'All About Children' facility at 655 Walnut and its close proximity to the cartway. The owner of the building, Dr. Eve Kimball, had requested a speed bump at that location due to speeding traffic in that area. This would not be allowed however so several options were discussed and the following was suggested:



It was recommended that Mrs. Hoffman meet with Dr. Kimball to discuss these proposed changes.

Belovich Subdivision



The property currently owned by Fulton Bank and formerly known as the Belovich Subdivision will soon be dedicated to the Borough. The a draft of the easement that will allow Borough access to the unfinished and undedicated streets (Elm Street and Cashmere Way) has been reviewed by the solicitor. The solicitor recommended that the only way that the Borough would only be required to repair an unfinished street were if it was dug up by the Borough. Any other damage (ie curbs during snowplowing) would have to be repaired by the Bank.

Snow plowing of the unfinished streets was discussed at length. **Moved** by Chief Powell and seconded by Mayor Rodriguez to recommend to Council that the Borough plow Elm Street and Cashmere (once the other streets have been dedicated) at no cost to the Bank, as long as they hold the Borough harmless for damage to the unfinished streets. **Motion carried.**

The following items were also briefly noted:

- The traffic signal at 4th and Penn had been modified to give three additional seconds to traffic on 4th Avenue.
- The modifications to the crosswalk at 5th and Pine have been started.

August Meeting

Mr. Lincoln asked that the parking study be emailed to Committee members in preparation for the August meeting. Recent redevelopment in the Borough has re-opened the discussion about parking.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy Hoffman, Borough Secretary