

**BOROUGH OF WEST READING
TRAFFIC COMMITTEE**

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 2017

The Borough of West Reading Traffic Committee met on Wednesday, May 10, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at Borough Hall, with the following persons present: Chairman Christopher Lincoln, Public Works Director Dean Murray, Police Chief Stephen Powell, Council Member Nicholas Imbesi, Borough Manager Cathy Hoffman and Assistant to the Manager Cynthia Madeira. Mayor Valentine Rodriguez, Jr. was unable to attend.

Visitors: None

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Approval of Minutes

Motion made to approve the Traffic Committee minutes of Wednesday, April 12, 2017 by Chief Powell and seconded by Mr. Imbesi. Motion carried.

Old Business

Parking Study – Tabled until next month.

Green Light-Go Grant – There was nothing new to report.

8th & Penn Traffic Signal Maintenance Responsibility – There was nothing new to report.

7th & Walnut Intersection – Mr. Murray reported they were unable to locate pins noted on the plan with a metal detector and will inquire with Systems Design Engineering as to a cost to perform a survey of the area.

Alley Parking between Franklin Street & Wayne Avenue – Mr. Murray reported a total of six signs were installed on both sides of the alley.

Permit Parking – Chief Powell reported approximately 2200 parking permits remain in stock. The committee decided to discuss other options later in the year while continuing to research permit-parking programs.

Penn Avenue Street Sweeping – No further contact has been made by businesses on Penn Avenue; Mr. Murray stated they would continue to sweep the Avenue as often as possible.

Grape Street & 4th Avenue Pedestrian Improvements – Mr. Murray stated piano-key style crosswalk and stop bar painting are planned in the near future along with marking of parking stall lines within the Belovich Development.

6th & Reading Avenue Intersection – Mr. Murray stated two 20' parking spaces can be marked in front of El Morro Café along with marking the curb in yellow and posting a sign for no parking to corner. Also, two spaces will be added to the N. 7th Avenue block.

New Business

Penn Street Bridge Update - Chief Powell reported detours for Penn Street Bridge project are running very smoothly.

Trucks on Linden Lane Alley – Chief Powell reported during a two week intermittent monitoring of the area he rerouted one vehicle.

No Parking Signs – Chief Powell noted a number of long term construction projects along Penn Avenue obtaining \$1 no parking signs for extended periods of time and suggested restructuring the fee schedule to possibly include a sliding scale with a cap of 14 days.

Parking & Traffic Ordinances – Chief Powell noted a number of sections in need of updating and will note the suggested changes for amendments.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Madeira
Assistant to the Manager