

**BOROUGH OF WEST READING
INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2018**

The Borough of West Reading Infrastructure Committee met at Borough Hall on Wednesday, January 10, 2018 immediately following the Traffic Committee meeting, with the following persons present: Chairman Christopher Lincoln; Council Member Nicholas Imbesi, Nicholas Gardecki; Mayor Andrew Kearney; Public Works Director Dean Murray; Borough Manager Cathy Hoffman and Assistant to the Manager Cynthia Madeira.

Visitors: James T. Rogers, Resident
 Christin Kelley, Resident
 John Woodward, Property/Business Owner

The meeting was called to order at 7:50 p.m.

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the Infrastructure Committee minutes of Wednesday, November 8, 2017 by Mr. Imbesi and seconded by Mr. Murray. Motion carried.

Old Business

Street Opening Permit – Mr. Lincoln suggested review of the existing street paving specification ordinance for modifications to include major and minor street specifications per the engineer provided revised trench specifications. The Committee is awaiting written specifications from the engineer to incorporate into the street opening ordinance.

2017 Street Projects – Mr. Murray confirmed all projects have been completed satisfactorily, including the ponding issue along the Sunset/Sycamore Road alley.

Penn Avenue Infrastructure– Mr. Murray stated purchase of a replacement Christmas swag could wait another year since bulbs were replaced with LED to match the new wreaths. Pole painting has been budgeted and includes the 300 block of Penn Avenue and South Fifth Avenue from the traffic circle to Cherry Street. Mrs. Hoffman noted the possibility of a recycling grant being obtained to purchase additional recycle bins and dump truck. Mr. Murray stated seven recycle bins are currently in stock to be placed along side of existing trash cans within the 500 block of Penn Avenue.

Technology Infrastructure – Mrs. Hoffman stated all projects have been completed, including lock installation for the server cabinet.

ADA Ramps – Mr. Murray is preparing a priority list of ramps needed throughout the Borough.

Route 422 Reconstruction – Trail Connectivity – Ms. Kelley noted her quarterly attendance to the Greater Reading Chamber's Transportation Committee subgroup meetings regarding pedestrian and bicycle traffic connectivity in conjunction with the proposed Bypass project to identify a list of individual municipality concerns. Ms. Kelley identified three concerns:

- Continued access to the waterfront area.
- Establishing connections to the Schuylkill River Trail system and neighboring park systems.

- Establishing connection of trail system to the downtown area.
- These items will also be included within the joint comprehensive plan.

Mr. Imbesi recommended the creation of an Ad Hoc Trail Connectivity Committee to facilitate a Borough plan. Members for this committee will include Ms. Kelley, Mr. Lincoln, Mr. Ratcliffe and Mr. Murray.

Grant Funding for Parkview Road Pedestrian Bridge – Recreation Director Helen Moyer is pursuing this grant opportunity. Mrs. Hoffman will remind the engineer to provide information to Council next week regarding bridge closure.

New Business

2018 Street Projects – Mr. Murray stated South Fifth Avenue/Museum Road from Oak Terrace to the bridge has been budgeted for repaving. Mr. Lincoln suggested the City of Reading be alerted to this paving project should they wish to coordinate repaving of Museum Road from the bridge to Parkside Drive South.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 p.m. by Mr. Imbesi and seconded by Mr. Murray. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Cynthia Madeira
Assistant to the Manager