

## **BOROUGH OF WEST READING TRAFFIC COMMITTEE**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 9, 2018**

The Borough of West Reading Traffic Committee met on Wednesday, May 9, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at Borough Hall, with the following persons present: Chairman Christopher Lincoln; Council Member Nicholas Imbesi; Mayor Andrew Kearney; Engineer Craig Momose; Public Works Director Dean Murray; Borough Manager Cathy Hoffman and Assistant to the Manager Cynthia Madeira. Nicholas Gardecki and Police Chief Stephen Powell were unable to attend.

**Visitors:** Karen Livingood, Resident

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

### **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

### **Approval of Minutes**

**Motion** made to approve the Traffic Committee minutes of Wednesday, April 11, 2018 by Mr. Imbesi and seconded by Mr. Murray. **Motion carried.**

### **Old Business**

**Parkview Road Bridge** – Christopher Lincoln altered the agenda to allow Craig Momose to provide information pertaining to the Parkview Road Bridge. Mr. Momose provided an updated plan illustrating additional curbing to be added as discussed last month with an opening to connect an existing storm drain. Mr. Murray suggested raising the drain to allow filtration of stormwater prior to entering the creek and recommended contacting Nick Johnson, the MS4 Engineer to potentially install a grant funded rain garden in the area adjacent to the northern abutment of the Wyomissing Creek. The plan also includes the addition of sidewalk along the west side to channel pedestrians to the proposed pedestrian bridge as well as reuse of the existing handrails installed within the abutment areas.

Mr. Momose reported receipt of a Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) bridge demolition permit. A condition to the permit imposed by the Fish & Game Commission prohibits works to be performed between October 1<sup>st</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup> due to wild trout activity within this body of water.

The committee discussed signage announcing construction and temporary barricade use as well as permanent signage following removal of the bridge. Mr. Lincoln noted a traffic study might be needed to determine an efficient rerouting of traffic flow. It was also noted that the 10% allotment of Liquid Fuels funding pertaining to engineering fees had previously been expended, therefore the County will not pay any engineering work as part of the demolition.

**Motion** to recommend to Council approval to advertise Parkview Road Bridge demolition contract bidding by Mr. Imbesi and seconded by Mr. Murray. **Motion carried.**

Mr. Momose departed the meeting at 6:34 p.m.

**Parking Study** – The sample Pittsburgh parking agreement that was discussed during the Committee Meeting held on May 3, 2018 was unavailable to review by the committee prior to this meeting. Information will be forwarded once it becomes available. Mr. Lincoln noted a discussion with Chief

Powell regarding sufficient parking enforcement staffing for the timeframes discussed at the Committee Meeting. Mr. Lincoln, Mayor Kearney and Chief Powell plan to meet next week to discuss additional personnel or parking regulations created surrounding the newly adopted enforcement hours of 10 AM to 8 PM Monday through Saturday. Mrs. Hoffman stated the amount of time currently being devoted to enforce parking for street sweeping activity is not sufficient to benefit MS4 regulations. The committee discussed potentially reducing the frequency of visits per month per street.

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

**7<sup>th</sup> & Walnut Intersection** – Mr. Murray noted a meeting scheduled next week with a second concrete contractor to obtain an additional cost estimate for curb related work within this intersection. Systems Design Engineering provided a survey plan with zoning and SALDO sight triangles inserted. The zoning triangle appears to be clear; clarification will be requested from the engineer.

**Missing Stop Sign Inventory** – Mr. Lincoln requested Mr. Murray review the LTAP schedule for training in order to perform PennDOT's required stop sign study prior to placement of new signage.

**Installation of Cross-Traffic Does Not Stop Signs** – Mr. Murray reported that all signs have been installed.

## **New Business**

**Soapbox Derby Event** – The committee reviewed a map of the area requested along Chestnut Street to host a soapbox derby event. To allow flow of traffic from the one-way Obold Street onto Chestnut Street, Chief Powell recommended the event begin below this intersection. The committee agreed to Chief Powell's recommended course route.

**Guardrail Installation** – As a safety measure, Mr. Murray noted plans to install a guardrail along the sharp bend of Playground Drive in the vicinity of the Playground. Funding for this project is within the current budget.

**Permit Parking** – Mr. Murray expressed concern regarding enacting new resident permit parking areas. Mr. Lincoln noted previous discussions, which need to be revisited in order to develop a policy.

**Kent Way/Oak Terrace Parking Restrictions** – Mr. Imbesi requested to resume discussion next month to potentially limit parking along one side of these narrow roadways to allow emergency vehicle access.

## **Adjournment**

**Motion** to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 p.m. by Mr. Imbesi and seconded by Mr. Murray. **Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Madeira  
Assistant to the Manager

Cathy Hoffman  
Borough Manager