

**BOROUGH OF WEST READING
INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13, 2018**

The Borough of West Reading Infrastructure Committee met at Borough Hall on Wednesday, June 13, 2018 immediately following the Traffic Committee meeting, with the following persons present: Chairman Christopher Lincoln; Council Member Nicholas Gardecki; Mayor Andrew Kearney; Public Works Director Dean Murray; Police Chief Stephen Powell; Borough Manager Cathy Hoffman and Assistant to the Manager Cynthia Madeira.

Visitors: Karen Livingood, Resident

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the Infrastructure Committee minutes of Wednesday, May 9, 2018 by Mr. Murray and seconded by Mrs. Hoffman. **Motion carried.**

Old Business

Parkview Road Bridge – Mr. Lincoln noted concerns expressed by the City of Reading with regards to closing the bridge. Mrs. Hoffman will contact a representative from the City to provide clarification and discuss bridge closure signage placement. Committee members agreed to proceed with the advertisement requesting bids to demolish the bridge as scheduled this Friday. Mr. Murray met with the Engineer to discuss stormwater runoff and determined three additional catch basins are needed in the area of Playground Drive to deflect runoff. A rain garden, which can handle five times the area of flows, was found not to be sufficient.

2018 Street Projects – Mr. Murray noted that UGI is currently reviewing alternative avenues to install an eight-inch gas main, however they are still proceeding with permitting the original plan along Fifth Avenue and Museum Road into the park area prior to the Borough paving this roadway. Mr. Murray also stated that the City is interested in a joint contract to concurrently pave their section of Museum Road to Parkside Drive South. The City would be responsible for their portion of paving and Engineering fees. Mrs. Hoffman will request the Engineer to add this section to the plans prior to bid proposal document preparation.

Mr. Murray also noted the Borough of Wyomissing's request to jointly pave Eighth Avenue.

Penn Avenue Infrastructure – Mr. Murray stated the addition of recycling labels has slightly decreased the amount of trash deposited within the new recycle bins; crewmembers are attempting to sort out trash if possible. The West Reading Community Revitalization Foundation has completed painting of the street light poles along Fifth Avenue; the 300 block of Penn Avenue, including single pole replacements within the 200 and 600 blocks will be addressed in the near future.

Reading Hospital Banner Sign Placement – Mr. Murray noted the hospital's efforts to remediate concrete placement for signage located in front of two resident homes as requested.

Route 422 West Shore Bypass Project – Mr. Lincoln stated the Chamber Committee has created a list of concerns or ideas to incorporate into the plans, which include Borough concerns surrounding the affects to the garage area and maintaining access to the river. A finalized version of the list will be submitted to PennDOT and Mr. Lincoln will also provide a copy to Committee members.

Grant Funding for Parkview Road Pedestrian Bridge – Mrs. Hoffman noted contact has been made with the Recreation Director to answer questions regarding the application.

ARLE Grant – Chief Powell noted an upcoming grant expiration date in July to replace pedestrian signals, which may include a requirement to upgrade handicap ramps to render them ADA compliant. Mr. Lincoln inquired as to the ability through this grant to only replace signal heads, otherwise due to the costly expense to replace granite handicap ramps the Borough may need to allow the grant to expire. Mrs. Hoffman will review records to determine if a Borough funded match is required, Chief Powell will inquire as to an option of only replacing signal heads.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m. by Mr. Murray and seconded by Mr. Kearney. **Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Madeira
Assistant to the Manager

Cathy Hoffman
Borough Manager