

**BOROUGH OF WEST READING
TRAFFIC & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE**

JULY 10, 2019

The Borough of West Reading Traffic & Infrastructure Committee met on Wednesday, July 10, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at Borough Hall, with the following persons present: Chairman Christopher Lincoln; Council Member Nicholas Imbesi; Police Chief Stephen Powell; Mayor Andrew Kearney; and Borough Secretary Cynthia Madeira.

Visitors: Dale Miller, Resident
Karen Livingood, Resident

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m.

Public Comment

Dale Miller stated that there has been no progress on his previous request to stripe both sides of Sunset Road to delineate a travel lane down the center of the roadway to protect the safety of drivers exiting their vehicles. The Public Works Director will be requested to review this undertaking.

Approval of Minutes

Motion made to approve the Traffic and Infrastructure Committee minutes of Wednesday, June 12, 2019 by Chief Powell and seconded by Mayor Kearney. **Motion carried.**

Old Business

Penn Avenue Parking – In Mark Ratcliffe’s absence it was unclear as to the allotment of paid parking spaces that would be available in the shopping center parking lot. A timeline had been provided by email just prior to the meeting, which outlined a time frame to install signage and kiosks with an anticipated implementation date of August 5th. Clarification is needed prior to moving forward.

Green Light-Go Grant – Telco has completed the Penn Avenue traffic signal improvements and it was noted that the reimbursement request is due by the end of August. Therefore, Telco will need to submit their invoicing in the near future.

Penn Avenue Infrastructure – An update is needed as to the status of the Penn Avenue parking stall line layout.

Handicap Parking Space Policy – The Public Works Director shared potential handicapped parking space placement earlier in the day with a recommendation of the corner space in front of 600 Penn Avenue. It was noted that all Penn Avenue handicapped parking spaces are located on the east side of the roadway. Review of ADA requirements is needed.

Mr. Lincoln stated that he is sorting through the information provided by Chief Powell as to the number of parking spaces located within the Borough and the number of handicapped parking spaces that would be required, per block, per ADA regulations.

Parking in Alleys – The Public Works Director provided a map with the average alley widths around the Borough. The widths ranged from 14’ to 20’, it was noted that the 14’ wide alleys should be posted as no parking on trash collection days.

In-Street Pedestrian Crossing Signs – Contact has not yet been made with PennDOT to inquire about obtaining additional free-standing pedestrian crossing signs.

New Business

Stop Sign Ordinance Updates – Chief Powell stated that the current ordinance listing of stop sign intersections is in need of revisions and/or additions. The department is currently in the process of reviewing these required amendments.

Mr. Lincoln recommended review of PennDOT's website for a list of stop signs and intersection traffic control courses and suggested two staff members attend the training to perform studies that would improve safety at unsignalized intersections.

Noise Ordinance – Due to recent complaints regarding noise disturbances during trash removal from commercial properties, the committee reviewed the current ordinance regulations and that of neighboring municipalities. It was decided to remain with the current time limitation of 10 p.m. to 7 a.m. and to handle complaints on an as needed basis by contacting the trash hauler through verbal and written warnings.

Adjournment

Mr. Lincoln stated the August Traffic and Infrastructure Committee meeting will be cancelled.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 6:49 p.m. by Mr. Imbesi and seconded by Mayor Kearney.

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Madeira
Borough Secretary