

**BOROUGH OF WEST READING  
TRAFFIC & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2018**

The Borough of West Reading Traffic & Infrastructure Committee met on Wednesday, December 12, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at Borough Hall, with the following persons present: Chairman Christopher Lincoln; Council Member Nicholas Imbesi; Mayor Andrew Kearney; Public Works Director Dean Murray; Borough Manager Cathy Hoffman and Assistant to the Manager Cynthia Madeira.

**Visitors:** Karen Livingood, Resident

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m.

**Public Comment**

On behalf of the Crime Watch Committee Karen Livingood inquired as to the lack of speed limit signs along Penn Avenue. Public Works Director Dean Murray will be asked to review the number of speed limit signs.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion made to approve the Traffic and Infrastructure Committee minutes of Wednesday, November 14, 2018 by Mr. Imbesi and seconded by Mayor Kearney. **Motion carried.**

**Old Business**

**Penn Avenue Parking**

- A merchant account is currently being established to allow order placement of the kiosk.
- Painting of stall lines for the parking spaces will have to wait until spring with signs being placed for the 30-minute spaces.
- Wayfinding signs need to be posted at all entrances to the Borough as well as various locations throughout the Borough.
- Notification of the parking lot implementation will be made through the newspaper, television, social media and flyers provided to business owners.
- Implementation of technical details will be discussed during a special meeting with the Infrastructure, Planning and Main Street members scheduled on January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 p.m.
- Mrs. Hoffman shared a request to modify parking enforcement along Penn Avenue during the busy Christmas season. Mayor Kearney made a Declaration to remove parking limitations along Penn Avenue on Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. Enforcement of handicapped parking, bus, loading and yellow zones would remain.

Dean Murray joined the meeting at 6:32 p.m.

Due to resident complaints received regarding gas company posted temporary no parking signs without activity it was decided to add a policy that if no work were being conducted one hour after the posted time, the signs would be removed with forfeiture of fees.

**Green Light-Go Grant** – A professional service agreement and advertisement to bid were reviewed. An authorization from Council is needed to execute the agreement.

**Parkview Road Bridge** – Unfortunately the Borough was not awarded a grant from DCNR to construct a pedestrian bridge. It was decided to reapply for a pedestrian bridge grant and request a cost estimate from the engineer to prepare bid-ready plans.

**Sycamore Road Traffic Control** – Painting of the double yellow line by the Public Works Department will have to wait until spring.

**Penn Avenue Infrastructure** – Pole painting in the 300 block of Penn Avenue has been completed with plans to paint the 200 block of Penn Avenue and the railroad bridge during 2019.

PennDOT plans to mill and overlay Penn Avenue during the spring of 2019 and has requested mapping of the parking spaces. It was decided that a survey of pavement markings be completed to correct deficiencies. The Public Works Director will contact PennDOT to obtain a work start date to ensure avoidance of conflicts with CRF spring events.

**2<sup>nd</sup> & Penn Avenue Pedestrian Crossing** – Measures to bring attention to the pedestrian crosswalk were discussed. Met-Ed will be requested to install cobra-head lighting to the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue intersections. PennDOT will be requested to perform a speed study to potentially reduce the speed from 35 mph to 25 mph. Also, improvements will be requested to the pedestrian crosswalk in the vicinity of the bus stop such as rectangular rapid flashing beacons and traffic calming devices. Reduction to the length of the west-bound left turn lane approaching 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue were discussed as well as placement of pedestrian crosswalk signs within the roadway.

**Cherry Street Pedestrians** – Public Works was requested to place an electronic speed sign in the alley behind Edwards Business Systems to collect data for a period of one to two weeks.

## **New Business**

**WBWA Agreement** – Committee members briefly discussed the Western Berks Water Authority proposal.

## **Adjournment**

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 p.m. by Mayor Kearney and seconded by Mr. Imbesi.

**Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Madeira  
Assistant to the Borough Manager