

**BOROUGH OF WEST READING
TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2014**

The Borough of West Reading Traffic Committee met on Wednesday, September 10, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at Borough Hall, with the following persons present: Police Chief Stephen Powell, Borough Manager Rich Sichler, Public Works Director Dean Murray and Mayor Valentin Rodriguez (arrived at 6:35 p.m.), Code Enforcement Officer Tracey Levering, Council Member Elizabeth Heckler. Parking Enforcement Officer Jason Witman was unable to attend.

Visitors : None

Mr. Sichler called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS:

Curb Painting at 6th and Spruce - Dean Murray reported that the curb has been painted white to bring the parking restriction to motorists' attention, and it seems to be working so far.

Permit Parking near ManorCare and the School - This issue was discussed at length and although it was the consensus of the Committee not to extend the parking permit area to other blocks in the Borough, it was decided that PennDOT will be contacted for further information.

Traffic Control Devices on North Side – After some discussion it was decided to paint 'slow' on the street at Olive and Elm Streets. With regard to the alleys adjacent to 'The Villas', PennDOT will be contacted concerning the placements of signage, given that it is a new development and the streets have not been dedicated as yet.

20 Minute Space – Tiger Mart – The parking space near 6th and Reading Avenues is still listed as a 20 minutes space in the ordinance, therefore Public Works will reinstall the 20 minute parking sign at that location.

Turn Signs at 3rd and Penn – Borough Engineer Tom Unger has been asked for his opinion concerning the signage on 3rd Avenue by the intersection with Penn Avenue. It had been suggested that a right-turn arrow be painted on the asphalt however Mr. Murray noted that painted surfaces become slippery and given that the street has a slope at that location, it might not be a good idea, particularly for smaller vehicles and motorcycles.

NEW BUSINESS:

Accidents at 5th and Sunset – Mr. Unger has been asked to assess this intersection, particularly concerning the addition of signage that states "cross traffic does not stop".

'Slow' – Kline Street – Because Kline Street is considered to be a street and not an alley, painting slow' on the asphalt is not permitted. (Slow is only painted on alleys.)

No Parking Signs – Chief Powell asked about the temporary ‘no parking’ signs that are issued for 25¢, noting that contractors that are working for weeks are able to purchase and use them for this small fee. There was much discussion concerning this subject, including who has the right to acquire the signs and for what length of time. Also discussed was the process that is followed and whether Codes is notified to ensure that a Building Permit has been obtained for the work that the contractor is doing.

It was the consensus of the Committee that the current fee doesn’t even cover the cost of the sign, therefore it was **Moved** by Mr. Murray and seconded by Chief Powell to recommend to Council that the sign fee be increased to \$1.00 per sign. **Motion carried.**

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Hoffman
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