

**BOROUGH OF WEST READING
TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2014**

The Borough of West Reading Traffic Committee met on Wednesday, November 12, 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. Code Enforcement Officer Tracey Levering and Parking Enforcement Officer Jason Witman were unable to attend.

Visitors: None

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Parking Space at Wendy's – Chief Powell asked what could be done about the area in front of Wendy's that has no signage, no stall lines and no painted curb. Motorists park there regularly and Wendy's staff are telling them that they can. After some discussion it was decided that one 'no parking' sign will be placed there in an attempt to resolve the situation.

Handicapped Parking – This was discussed even though Council now deals with these requests. There was a question about a space on the 300 block of Kline Street that is being used by a resident who may not have requested the space. Mrs. Hoffman will check to see if Mr. Amato had requested the space.

Franklin Street Municipal Lot – A suggestion had been made that the lot be converted to a paid monthly permit parking lot which would generate some income for the Borough. It would also resolve an ongoing problem when individuals leave vehicles there for weeks at a time. Much discussion ensued and it was decided that Mr. Murray will find out what the signage states at that location. It was noted that it would be better to enforce what has already been established and not change the use.

OLD BUSINESS:

Permit Parking – It was reported that Mr. Wert had spoken with a PennDOT representative concerning permit parking in the Borough. It is his opinion that it is entirely up to the Borough where and when permit parking is instituted and that PennDOT has no say in the process. Discussion ensued about where permit parking should be located and it was suggested that a policy be written. Large employers in the Central Business District were discussed and Mr. Sichler suggested that the upcoming parking study should help determine how it should be handled. Mr. Sichler will research permit parking and bring suggestions to the Committee.

Traffic Control Devices on North Side – Council had pointed out that according to September's minutes 'slow' is not painted on borough streets normally. It was noted that Kline Street would not be a good location for 'slow' because the paint could cause a slippery surface on an incline.

After some discussion the Committee decided that 'slow' should not be painted on Olive and Elm Streets.

Turn Signs at 3rd and Penn – Mr. Sichler will contact Mr. Unger for his opinion.

Accidents at 5th and Sunset – Mr. Unger has been asked to assess this intersection, but no response has been received. Mr. Sichler will check with him.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Hoffman
Administrative Assistant