

BOROUGH OF WEST READING TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2018

The Borough of West Reading Traffic Committee met on Wednesday, February 14, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at Borough Hall, with the following persons present: Chairman Christopher Lincoln; Council Member Nicholas Imbesi and Nicholas Gardecki; Police Chief Stephen Powell; Mayor Andrew Kearney; Public Crew Leader Kerry Grassley; Borough Manager Cathy Hoffman and Assistant to the Manager Cynthia Madeira.

Visitors: Oswald Herbert, Resident
 Daniel & Lori Phillips, Resident

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

Public Comment

Mr. Herbert noted two properties located adjacent to Gage Personnel parking lot along Walnut Street that may have yard areas encroaching the roadway. Mr. Herbert also noted vehicular traffic not abiding by the "No Left Turn" regulation at the 3rd and Penn Avenue intersection.

Approval of Minutes

Motion made to approve the Traffic Committee minutes of Wednesday, January 10, 2018 by Chief Powell and seconded by Mr. Imbesi. Motion carried.

Old Business

Parking Study – Solicitor feedback is needed regarding private parking lot agreements. A draft parking enforcement ordinance will be reviewed by Council to enforce more stringent parking regulations within the municipal parking lot located on Franklin Street, increase enforcement hours along Penn Avenue and additional thirty-hours of parking enforcement staffing. The committee reviewed and discussed options noted within the draft Walker Parking Consultants Parking Meter Study and determined alternative parking, such as private lot agreements, should be available prior to meter installation.

Mr. & Mrs. Phillips joined the meeting at 6:42 p.m.

Green Light-Go Grant – Mr. Lincoln stated PennDOT is agreeable to coordination of efforts with the Borough of Wyomissing.

8th & Penn Traffic Signal Maintenance Responsibility – There was nothing new to report.

7th & Walnut Intersection – The owner of Gage Personnel met with staff to discuss curbing options for this intersection, the owner is agreeable to changes. The engineer will prepare specifications to request bid pricing.

New Business

Missing Stop Sign Inventory – Mr. Lincoln noted an incident on Obold Street at the Chestnut Street intersection due to the lack of a stop sign. PennDOT requires a traffic study be performed in order to erect a new stop sign. Mr. Lincoln will forward the PennDOT form to the Police Chief and Public Works Director to study the following intersections:

- Yarnell and Franklin Streets

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- Elm and Olive Streets
- Ann Street and Sunset Road
- Lakeview Drive and Spruce Street
- Fourth Avenue and Grape Street
- Holland Square and Lakeview Drive

Addition of “Cross Traffic Does Not Stop” Signs – Mr. Lincoln suggested installation of “Cross Traffic Does Not Stop” signage to the following stop sign areas:

- Third Avenue and Pine Street
- Sunset Road and Fifth Avenue
- Fourth Avenue and Spruce Street
- Third Avenue and Sunset Road
- Fourth and Reading Avenues
- Tulpehocken Avenue and Walnut Street
- Walnut and Olive Streets
- Lakeview Drive and Wayne Street
- Lakeview Drive and Franklin Street

The Public Works Director to obtain pricing for these signs to discuss with Council at their February meeting.

Public Comment

Mr. Phillips provided committee members a copy of a signed petition by the five homeowners along the 100 block of South Fourth Avenue requesting designation of permit parking for this block. Mr. Lincoln noted a general procedure is needed for criteria to designate permit parking.

Motion to recommend Council approval of permit parking designation to the 100 block of South Fourth Avenue by Mr. Imbesi and seconded by Mr. Gardecki. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 p.m. by Mr. Imbesi and seconded by Mr. Gardecki. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Cynthia Madeira
Assistant to the Manager