



Borough of Mount Joy
Public Works Committee
Special Meeting Minutes for January 31, 2019
Meeting time: 7:00 PM

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Councilor Deering, Councilor Ginder, and Councilor Millar

STAFF/MAYOR PRESENT: Borough Manager Samuel Sulkosky, Public Works Director Dennis Nissley, and Stormwater Officer Dave Salley

The special meeting was called to order by Councilor Deering at 7:00 PM.

I. HEARING OF ANY CITIZEN CONCERNS – Time limit of three minutes per individual.

1. Bill Hall- 209 Marietta Ave

- i. Mr. Hall provided a list to the Committee members of streets that do not have sidewalks, a list of known exemptions, and Borough property that does not have existing sidewalks. Mr. Hall stated that the ordinance should be criteria based and focusing on pedestrian safety.

2. Shelby Chunko- 21 Columbia Ave

- i. Ms. Chunko suggested a cost shared approach with the Borough whether it be a 60/40 or 65/35 split.
- ii. Ms. Chunko also suggested that the Borough should provide one contractor instead of the property owner having to provide the contractor

3. Linda Zook- 537 N Plum St

- i. Ms. Zook stated she just added sidewalks and also wanted to thank the Committee for making the road wider. She stated that she has witnessed people using the sidewalks.

4. Larry Derr- 715 Terrace Ave

- i. Mr. Derr listed various criteria points including traffic, environmental impacts, and connectivity.
- ii. Mr. Derr stated that Public Works Committee should form another committee to examine each road surfacing project
- iii. Mr. Derr added that he feels that property owners should put a max of \$5,000

5. Tina Feathers- 230 Park Ave

- i. Ms. Feathers shared her frustrations of the possibility of sidewalks being installed on Park Ave.

- ii. Ms. Feathers stated that the kids and people walking their dogs walk there and that's it.
 - iii. Ms. Feathers added her concerns about stormwater runoff
6. Terry Zeller-224 Pinkerton Rd
- i. Mr. Zeller supports what the previous people have stated
 - ii. Mr. Zeller stated that they can take loans out, but they have to pay the interest on those loans in addition to sidewalk installation
 - iii. Mr. Zeller stated that this issue should be placed on the ballot
7. Rick Hamm- 755 Terrace Ave
- i. Mr. Hamm asked the Committee provide facts on pedestrian hit where sidewalks were and were not present.
 - ii. Mr. Hamm asked that if sidewalk issue would be a roll call vote.
8. Sandy Stehman- 619 Square St
- i. Ms. Stehman stated that the Borough did not provide plans for the sidewalks to give to her contractor
 - ii. Ms. Stehman asked who makes the decision for the exemptions and added that the Committee should be reasonable and fair.
9. Beth Brejle- 550 N Angle St
- i. Ms. Brejle added to the potential criteria that if people don't want sidewalks then that should be taken into consideration
10. Jeff Cassel- 230 Park Ave
- i. Mr. Cassel stated that when he was on council at Terre Hill, they painted lines for paths along the street and this was very cost-effective solution.
11. Kathy Nissley- 49 Donegal Springs Rd
- i. Ms. Nissley stated that her and her family enjoy walking throughout the Borough.
 - ii. Ms. Nissley stated that 30 years ago they had to gather money together to fix their sidewalks and she understands the hardships that comes with having to install sidewalks
 - iii. Ms. Nissley added that residents elected councilors to make tough decisions and to look at the future of this town.
 - iv. Ms. Nissley asked Mayor Bradley to support the infrastructure for our town and asked Councilors to look for grant money to help assist these projects.
12. Sherry Torres- 404 N Angle St
- i. Ms. Torres shared her reasons why N Angle St should not have sidewalks installed.
13. Michael Green- 401 Sagamore Hill

- i. Mr. Green is the Florin Hill HOA president and stated that he had to pay for his sidewalks when they bought their property. He stated that now he is being asked to pay for other sidewalks which he says is not fair.
- ii. Mr. Green stated that people from Bruce Ave come to Florin Hill to walk safely because they have sidewalks.

II. COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

1. The Committee referenced to the existing ordinance, sidewalk policy, and a map of the Borough that showed where there were existing sidewalks. The Committee members were all in agreeance that the words cul-de-sacs, alleys, or dead-end streets shall not require sidewalks, should be added to an amended ordinance. Discussions about different criteria continued such as traffic counts, environmental impact, and streets with a certain percent of sidewalks versus percent of non-existing sidewalks.

III. HEARING OF ANY CITIZEN CONCERNS – Time limit of three minutes per individual.

1. Cathy Cieslinski- 237 Park Ave
 - i. Ms. Cieslinski stated that she chose Park Ave because of the character of the street
 - ii. Ms. Cieslinski added that if the Borough should put a walkway on park property
 - iii. Ms. Cieslinski added that this should be a voted on by the residents
2. Shelby Chunko- 21 Columbia Ave
 - i. Ms. Chunko suggested that the Borough could facilitate one contractor for all the residents of an affected street
 - ii. Ms. Chunko also suggested that the criteria should be weighted
3. Glen Morrison- 435 N Angle St
 - i. Mr. Morrison added impervious surface to the criteria talk
4. Bill Hall- 209 Marietta Ave
 - i. Mr. Hall cautioned the Committee to define the words cul-de-sac and alleys
 - ii. Mr. Hall suggested instead of changing the ordinance greatly, add the words excluding criteria
5. Mason Brandt- 536 Donegal Springs Rd
 - i. Mr. Brandt stated that the criteria list should be reduced
 - ii. Mr. Brandt stated that the purpose of sidewalks is to maintain the safety of pedestrians so they are not impacted by traffic
 - iii. Mr. Brandt stated that traffic counts, speed limit, and pedestrian targets
 - iv. Mr. Brandt added that tax payers will eventually pay for these sidewalks
6. Shawn Maxwell- 252 Park Ave

- i. Mr. Maxwell commented that his main concern with walking on the street is not on Park Ave but Main St.
 - ii. Mr. Maxwell added that dog walkers and runners who walk on the Park Ave say it is the best part of their walk and they get comments all the time.
 - iii. Mr. Maxwell cautions the Committee that traffic counts could be altered because people cut through Park Ave from Barbara St.
7. Amy Miller- 501 Bernhard Ave
 - i. Ms. Miller ask to define what is a cul-de-sac and what defines a dead end
8. Larry Derr- 715 Terrace Ave
 - i. Mr. Derr stated that he would caution on limiting criteria
 - ii. Mr. Derr ask the audience if they are aware about the Official map
 - iii. Mr. Derr mentioned that liquid fuels could be used to help pay for sidewalks
 - iv. Mr. Derr added to keep perusing grants
9. Rick Hamm- 755 Terrace Ave
 - i. Mr. Hamm suggested population density to criteria
 - ii. Mr. Hamm stated that you can use liquid fuels for ADA ramps
10. Linda Zook- 537 N Plum St
 - i. Ms. Zook suggested that the Committee that sidewalks should be the responsibility of the homeowner expense.
11. Bob Jerman- 840 Terrace Ave
 - i. Mr. Jerman asked if both sides of the street
 - ii. Mr. Jerman stated that the sidewalk on N Plum St goes to nowhere
 - iii. Mr. Jerman added that there should be a cost sharing program
12. Doug Whitman- representing Florin Church of the Brethren
 - i. Mr. Whitman stated that nobody uses the path
 - ii. Mr. Whitman suggested that common sense should be part of the criteria
 - iii. Mr. Whitman had stormwater concerns with the N Plum St sidewalks
 - iv. Mr. Whitman added that parking could be on one side of the street
13. Aaron Bickley- 525 Terrace Ave
 - i. Mr. Bickley concerns that final plans were approved by the Borough and now the Borough wants to change the final design to add curb and sidewalks
 - ii. Mr. Bickley stated that children don't walk anymore, and they drive everywhere
14. Warren Stehman- 619 Square St

- i. Mr. Stehman stated one of the biggest challenges that there were no final plans because the Borough didn't have them
 1. Mr. Nissley provided a schedule of how the Borough notifies the residents about installation of sidewalks. Mr. Nissley added that because the Borough's paving schedule was put on hold, the design plans for sidewalks along N Angle St were not complete.

IV. ADJOURN at 9:12 PM