



Borough of Mount Joy
Public Works Committee
Meeting Minutes for December 10, 2018
Meeting time: 6:30 PM

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Councilor Deering and Councilor Millar

STAFF/MAYOR PRESENT: Public Works Director Dennis Nissley, Borough Manager Samuel Sulkosky, Parks Superintendent Brian Brubaker, and Mayor Bradley

OTHERS PRESENT: Brad Stewart, Dean Severson, Alice Yoder, Serena Bolinger, Darrel Becker, Bob Shenk, Gary and Raeann Schatz, Ken Ober, Andy Ober, Bob Ruschle, Beth Brejle, Peg Hamm, Joyce Stabler, Andrew Voytek, Jackie Mundorf, and Jude Findley

The meeting was called to order by Councilor Deering at 6:34 PM.

I. APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 10, 2018 PUBLIC WORKS MEETING AGENDA – Items 7A and 7B were moved to the first items of business.

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

1. Jackie Mundorf-1104 Wood St

- i. Ms. Mundorf expressed her concerns about snow removal on her sidewalks. She stated that she has received help in the past but now is asking the Committee if there are any other resources that could help her with this year's snow removal. The Committee and staff would reach out to local organizations and suggested that Ms. Mundorff contact local churches as well.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES from the November 12, 2018 meeting. – approved as submitted

IV. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

1. Storm Water

A. Borough Basin

- 1) Salley reported that ARRO is currently reviewing the calculations pertaining to the Borough basin. A report of their findings and solutions will be presented at the January council meeting.

B. Chiques Creek Watershed COG

- 1) Nissley and Sulkosky reported that there is a draft COG that would focus on stormwater projects for the future. Being a part of the COG will help with constructing stormwater projects at other municipalities while receiving a portion of

reduction credits. This COG would also be beneficial for grant purposes as well. The Committee will review the COG outline.

2. Parks

A. Eagle Scout Project

- 1) Nissley reported that the Eagle Scout has sent a funding request letters for the gaga pit for the materials.

B. Borough Park Pavilion

- 1) Nissley stated that staff recommends a maintenance free steel structure. Councilman Deering will take it back to the Kiwanis Club board meeting

C. Request to store Memorial Park holiday decorations

- 1) Nissley reported that he received an email that there was a request to store holiday decorations at Memorial Park. Councilman Deering stated he will address this with the coordinator of these decorations.

3. Facilities

A. Generator update

- 1) Nissley reported that Dynatech salesman will be meeting with staff on December 12 to discuss what type of generator the Borough would be interested and to look at the Borough office.

4. Refuse

A. DEP 902 Grant application

- 1) Nissley reported that staff met with a DEP representative to discuss the 902 grant, take a compost site visit, and to schedule a pre-application meeting.

5. Compost site

A. Hauling of excess dirt

- 1) Nissley reported that staff will be hauling excess dirt to the American Legion for fill

B. Permit by Rule amendment

- 1) Nissley reported that he notified DEP that changes have been made to the compost site. A representative from DEP will have to look at the changes and approve the changes.

C. Intermunicipal Agreement with East Donegal Twp.

- 1) Nissley stated that staff is trying to organize a meeting with East Donegal Twp. to discuss an intermunicipal agreement for the compost facility

6. Equipment

A. Sale of excess equipment report

- 1) Nissley reported that the Fischer snow plow sold for \$2,700.00, a John Deere snow blower sold for \$435.00, and a Lestco blade sharpener for \$360.00

7. Streets and Alleys

A. Lighten Up Lancaster-Penn Medicine/LGH thank you note

- 1) Nissley provided a copy of the Lighten Up Lancaster thank you note that Penn Medicine/LGH provides to residents that either install or fix existing sidewalks. Nissley thanked all of those who are involved with sending these thank you notes.

B. Sidewalk Ordinance discussion

Staff shared a map of areas throughout the Borough that have existing sidewalks, areas where staff felt it necessary to have sidewalks and areas deemed unnecessary, areas that have existing paved paths, and areas for possible sidewalks or paved paths.

- 1) Alice Yoder of LGH/Penn Medicine spoke about the physical, safety, and reducing the sense of isolation and their correlations to sidewalks.
 - a) Ms. Yoder described that community health needs assessments such as sidewalks
 - b) Ms. Yoder provided the many health benefits that sidewalks can provide physically and mentally. She also produced several statistics on obesity, heart disease, and strokes within Lancaster county
 - c) Ms. Yoder added the safety benefits to installing sidewalks as they contribute to complete streets and connectivity.
 - d) Ms. Yoder closed with information about reducing the sense of isolation. With an area that has connectivity and a communitive environment, reduces the sense of isolation and loneliness and that sidewalks have a contributing factor in this.
- 2) Bob Shenk of the Coalition for Smart Growth spoke about connections and benefits of smart growth in a community
 - a) Mr. Shenk referred to the sidewalk map and stated that connecting the blue areas (no existing) to the green areas (existing sidewalks) would be beneficial for connectivity.
 - b) Mr. Shenk reiterated the previous statements of health and safety benefits from Ms. Yoder's presentation.
- 3) Brad Stewart of Lancaster County Planning Commission expressed that he is the community representative for Mount Joy Borough.

- a) Mr. Stewart stated the Mount Joy Borough has adopted many documents pertaining to complete streets including an official map, zoning ordinance, and subdivision and land development ordinance.
 - b) Mr. Stewart also stated that an official map is a planning tool which shows potential pedestrian trails, road widening, and future connections. An example of these connections is at the future Laurel Harvest Labs and the bike and pedestrian connections that are included in the final land development plans.
 - c) Mr. Stewart stated that the Borough has received federal funding to put together a complete streets guide.
- 4) Dean Severson of Lancaster County Planning Commission
- a) Mr. Severson stated that a criteria-based system is a good starting point by identifying missing links in the network or missing connections in the neighborhood to connect to schools, parks, etc.
 - b) Mr. Severson stated that both vehicle and pedestrian traffic counts are important aspects in criteria-based system.
- 5) Ms. Yoder stated that Lighten Up Lancaster offers a walkability audit which entails walking streets with the public, members of council, and anybody interested in walkable communities. Throughout this audit members look at the safety and surroundings of an area of concern.
- 6) Darrell Becker of ARRO Engineering
- a) Mr. Becker stated that multiple municipalities have a policy that they require installation of curb and sidewalks when a street is altered.
 - b) Mr. Becker differentiated the difference of alleys and streets and stated that the important factors are right of way and cart way widths
 - c) Mr. Becker stated that there are no defined criteria from PennDOT or other sources that determine if sidewalks should or should not be installed on a street.
 - d) Mr. Becker added that along with the official map, other items should be considered for areas that could benefit sidewalks such as schools, churches, parks, and public commodities.
 - e) Mr. Becker stated that he deals with sidewalks issues as well as other civil and traffic engineers on staff at ARRO.

C. Public Input pertaining to sidewalks

1) Joyce Stabler-720 Terrace Ave

a) Ms. Stabler stated, “concerning the health issues, people walk in Lancaster City, but we don’t walk in Mount Joy. Sidewalks will cost \$20,000 where I live, and I don’t see the necessity for them.

i Councilman Deering asked if there was a bus stop next to Ms. Stabler’s property and she said yes

b) Ms. Stabler stated that she doesn’t see the health benefits as a factor for installation of sidewalks because of the way our society is today.

2) Beth Brejle-550 N Angle St

a) Ms. Brejle asked how are individuals funding sidewalks in the city of Lancaster?

i Mr. Severson and Mr. Stewart stated that CDBG grants have been used at Upper Leacock Township recently.

b) Ms. Brejle stated, “that everyone understands that this is a hardship on individuals but then we move on and that’s it. We do not want to lose chunks of our yards and cut down our trees, to build retaining walls, and go broke. The retired people who live on corners will have to do this again for the small portion of people who want sidewalks. How do you think we will pay for this? The public does not want sidewalks, doesn’t our voice matter?”

3) Ken Ober-620 Water St

a) Mr. Ober stated that his neighbors have severe health problems and the church would have to spend \$40,000 for sidewalks and a retaining wall. Because we live on a corner we will be hammered again when Water St. gets done. It’s going to cost me \$15,000 for curbs and sidewalks on the N. Angle St. portion and \$10,000 for the Water St. portion. Mr. Ober stated that a friend of his was an East Donegal Township councilor and if they didn’t get grant funding then they didn’t do the project.

D. Continuation of sidewalk conversation

1) Public Works Committee, Mayor Bradley, and staff continued the conversation of sidewalks. The Committee discussed the possibility of organizing a public meeting to discuss sidewalks including work groups and criteria forms.

8. Paula’s 5K run

A. Nissley stated that Matt Kratz of EMA is working with Paula’s School of Baton to organize the 5K run

9. Marietta Avenue Paving and Pedestrian Project

- A. Nissley reported that right of way agreements are currently being signed by property owners and there are about 35 to 40 total agreements that need to be signed.

10. Jacob Street bridge removal

- A. Sulkosky reported that the bridge removal will be bid out the first few months in 2019

11. Rail Enhancements Project Phase II

- A. Nissley reported that staff was in contact with the contractor to provide a detour plan for the Market St. bridge closure

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VI. ANY OTHER MATTER TO COME BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

VII. ADJOURN at 10:06 PM