



Borough of Mount Joy
Public Works Committee
Meeting Minutes May 8, 2023
Meeting time: 6:30 PM

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Councilor Ginder, Councilor Ruschke, Councilor Haigh

STAFF PRESENT: Public Works Director Dennis Nissley, Borough Manager Mark Pugliese, Stormwater and Grants Coordinator Seth Godfrey, Parks Superintendent Barry Geltmacher, Public Works Crew Leader Jake Houck

OTHERS PRESENT: Josh Deering,

I. APPROVAL OF MAY 8, 2023, PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA - Approved

II. HEARING OF ANY CITIZEN CONCERNS – Time limit of three minutes per individual. - None

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES from the April 10, 2023, meeting - Approved

IV. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

1. Streets and Alley

A. Pinkerton Rd project

Dennis Nissley reported that public works has looked at including handicap ramps on the east side of Pinkerton Rd and have included that on the 2023 concrete bidding. Nissley also discussed adding a ramp opposite Columbia Ave at the Guardian property. Nissley spoke with CMS who gave him a price estimate of \$9,300, however Nissley believes the project could be completed for \$6950.

1) ROW acquisition

Nothing to report.

2) CMS Punchlist

Nissley reported several issues found with the work on Pinkerton Rd but noted that CMS is in the process of fixing these. Nissley will have a meeting with CMS on May 9th to follow up.

3) Driveway Restoration

Nissley reported that 14 properties have driveway cuts and 2 have yet to establish sidewalks. Nissley intends to contact homeowners, and public works will pave up to the cut line on each property. Haigh presented concerns that two stormwater inlets on Pinkerton Rd are not ADA compliant.

B. Wood Street project

Nissley Reported on the mandatory pre bid meeting for paving and concrete held on Thursday May 4th. Haigh asked that public works verify the right of way to ensure that there are no issues with handicap ramps.

1) Crosswalk line painting/Industrial driveway line painting

The committee discussed adding crosswalks where Wood St. intersects with Bridge Blvd and Market St, as well as adding crosswalks at the

entrance to Cargill and Wenger. Nissley reported on a meeting with Cargill.

2) Downspouts at Wenger Feeds

The committee discussed interpretation of Borough ordinance regarding downspouts being placed within sidewalks. The committee agreed to revisit the discussion at the next meeting.

C. Bradys Alley project

Nothing to report.

D. Downtown street tree replacement

Nissley reported that several trees have been removed. No trees have been added yet.

E. 5-year Street and Alley Plan

1) Discussion about project planning

The committee discussed using the borough's Active Transportation Plan to ensure long term planning includes more connectivity and walkability. Committee members stressed the importance of planning at least 3 years in advance and allowing residents to have a say in planning. Upcoming road projects on Charter Ln and School Ln were also discussed.

F. Cresco Lab sinkhole and basin

Haigh reported speaking with Steve Johns, who was involved with the Cresco Lab project. According to Haigh, Johns claimed that two feet of amended soil was included in the basin design plan but was never added to the basin, which may be why the basin retains water. The Conservation District will not let Cresco's NPDES permit expire until issues with the basin are resolved. Haigh suggested using escrow funds to fix the sinkhole on New St.

G. Sidewalk at N. Market St and Manheim St.

Nissley reported measuring the slope of the sidewalk. Nissley found that the cross slope of the sidewalk was up to 8%.

2. Stormwater

A. Old Market Street/Manheim Street Drainage Swale

The Borough solicitor is in contact with the responsible party's lawyers. The Committee discussed giving a deadline for work to be completed. If that deadline is not met, the Borough would then complete the work and bill the responsible party. The Committee would like to present a course of action to the Borough Council in June.

B. Pink Alley Detention Basin Topographic Survey cost

Nissley presented a quote from Rettew of \$4900 to complete a survey on the Pink Alley basin. Haigh gave notes on alterations he would like to see made to the proposed survey by Rettew. The Committee discussed whether a survey would be an effective use of Borough funds and decided to revisit the issue next month.

C. 5-year stormwater plan

Nothing to report.

D. PCSM MS4 Inspections

Committee discussed BMP inspection methodology.

3. Parks

A. Parks Advisory Board/Study Group for C2P2 Grant

Nissley reported that the members of the grant study group have all been notified of their selection and that future meeting dates will need to be publicly advertised. Pugliese mentioned that meetings will be scheduled for Tuesday evenings but that an exact schedule has yet to be set.

B. Gateway Park

Nissley reported that the project is nearly done. Once seeding is complete landscaping can begin. The committee discussed having a plaque added to the site.

4. Grants update

A. DCNR Community Conservation Partnership Program (C2P2) Little Chiques Park Master Site Development Plan (MSDP)

Nissley reported that the study group is still being formed.

B. Streambank Project

Nissley reported that the Council approved an application for a Watershed Restoration Protection Program grant for \$300,000. An application for a National Fish and Wildlife Foundation grant of \$500,000 has already been submitted.

C. Flood Mitigation Grant for Borough basin modifications

Nissley reported issues with grass coverage may not be compliant with grant requirements.

D. DEP 902 grant for compost equipment

The committee discussed applying for funds to expand the compost site.

E. DCED MTF grant for pedestrian safety

Pugliese reported that he is still waiting for highway occupancy permits, and that he will be reaching out to Rettew to prepare a bid package.

F. DCED Heritage grant

Pugliese reported that Rettew has completed their survey and will be factoring in proposed improvements.

G. Reserves HOA – Clean Water Implementation, Small Grant

Pugliese reported that he is waiting for a third quote before he can move forward with the project.

H. ARPA PA Small Water and Sewer Program Grant Application

Nissley reported he has provided ARPA with alternative methods for lining the pipes and is waiting for their reply.

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

Josh Deering, of 33 Frank Street, suggested applying for funding from the Pomeroy Foundation to add a historical marker to Gateway Park. Deering also requested that the Borough consider implementing a system wherein residents could renew their compost site key fobs online. Deering discussed the possibility of expanding the compost site into the adjacent area currently occupied by a solar field.

V. ANY OTHER MATTER TO COME BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

Haigh suggested investigating funding available through PennDOT via the infrastructure bill. The committee discussed potential projects which this could be applied to. Haigh also asked Nissley for an update on the inspections on North Angle Street.

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