



**Borough of Mount Joy**  
**Public Works Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes for September 14, 2015**  
Meeting time: 6:30 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councilor Seidel, Councilor Mowrer

The meeting was called to order by Councilor Seidel at 6:30 PM.

OTHERS PRESENT: Dennis Nissley, Public Works Director; Scott Hershey, Borough Manager; Brian Brubaker, Parks Superintendent; Diane McComsey; Councilor Deering

**I. HEARING OF ANY CITIZEN CONCERNS**

1. Josh Deering asked the committee to consider approving the proposed painting on the block building at Borough Park in conjunction with the Kids Joy Land build.
2. Josh Deering asked the committee to consider allowing Turkey Hill to display a large cow sign at Borough Park prior to the playground build date.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES from the August 10, 2015 meeting.**

1. The minutes were approved as submitted

**III. ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

**1. Storm Water**

**A. Results from monthly stream testing**

- 1) Nissley reported that the stream testing on Little Chiques Creek has been stopped per the August 10, 2015 Public Works Committee decision.
- 2) Information was provided about a request from the Susquehanna River Basin Commission to install a monitoring station either at Cove Park in Mount Joy Township or in Little Chiques Park. The Committee was supportive of allowing that monitoring station in the Borough if requested.

**B. Review Storm Water Budget**

- 1) The Committee reviewed the proposed budget. The prices for reconstructing Rotary and Grandview swales was higher than expected and the Committee decided to budget only for Grandview swale in 2016.

**C. Grandview Park and Rotary Park Swales**

- 1) Nissley reported that due to timing, there was not adequate time to solicit bids and assure that the work would get done and grass would be established prior to winter. The plans are ready for bidding in the spring. Cost opinions from ARRO were provided. Due to changes in the scope of work, the costs are significantly higher than estimated a year ago.

**D. Lancaster County Conservation District Memorandum of Understanding**

- 1) The Committee reviewed the document and agreed to forward the MOU to Borough Council for action to accept at the October 5, 2015 meeting.

## 2. Parks

### A. Tennis Court removal/Pavilion costs

- 1) Public Works will plan to do some of the work for which we have the equipment and the time to realize some cost savings for the project.
- 2) MJAA has responded that they are not interested in helping to pay for a pavilion.
- 3) The Committee asked to see a budget for demolition with the Borough doing a portion of the work.
- 4) The Committee is in favor of restoring the area with grass and moving the small picnic table pavilions closer to the baseball field.

### B. Kids Joy Land update

- 1) Kids Joy Land steering committee asked for approval of plans for painting the block building beside the playground. There was a motion by Mowrer and a second by Seidel to accept the plans for the painting on the block building beside the Kids Joy Land playground.
- 2) The Committee discussed whether to allow the Turkey Hill cow to be placed at Borough Park prior to the playground build. Due to the size of the cow sign, it does not qualify as an acceptable sign under the ordinance. Staff is not authorized to grant relief from an ordinance so it would need to go to Borough Council to grant a waiver. Because of lack of time to apply for a waiver, the Committee decided to not allow the cow sign.

### C. Gateway Park stone arch

- 1) An estimate was provided for an iron enclosure for the stone arch at Gateway Park. The Committee agreed to move forward with budgeting for this project.

## 3. Budget

### A. Review Draft Budget

- 1) New John Deere Mower
  - a) The Committee reviewed the quote for a new mower and suggested that staff get additional quotes from other manufacturers. Nissley advised that attachments for the existing unit will only fit on a John Deere and if all the attachments need to be replaced the cost will be substantially higher.

## 4. Equipment/Facilities

- A. Nissley reported that a schedule for the signalization project was received and the anticipated project start is October 17, 2016 and finish date is October 23, 2017.

## 5. Streets and Alleys

### A. Bridge Boulevard Plans

- 1) Nissley reported that a survey has been completed on Bridge Blvd and it appears that there is space in the ROW for curbs and sidewalks. The Committee suggested that letters be sent to the residents to inform them that the street is scheduled to be reconstructed in 2016 and curbs and sidewalks will need to be installed.
- 2) Nissley will contact LTAP to review the requirements related to accessibility at the South Angle Street intersection because there is no sidewalks on the east side of the bridge.

- B. Nissley reported that residents along Apple Alley are concerned about additional traffic and speed after the Alley is repaved.

## 6. Compost Site: No new report

## 7. Marietta Avenue Paving and Pedestrian connection

- A. Nissley reported that an interview is scheduled for September 16, 2015 at the County to present the project for funding.

8. Marietta Ave. Bridge Replacement

- A. Nissley reported that the contractor is anticipating the completion of the project by the end of the year.

9. Jacob Street bridge removal

- A. The Borough may need to spend approximately \$50,000 for Amtrak plan review prior to TIP funding being available

10. Rail Enhancement Phase 2

- A. Penn DOT representatives met with Church of God representatives and Borough staff to discuss the parking lot at the train station, Penn DOT is recommending that they take ownership of the lot because of the storm water structure under the lot and the future maintenance it will require.

11. Manufactured Gas Plant-Proposed Park Plan

- A. The Committee recommended that the proposal for the Borough to accept fee title of the property at 223-225 West Main Street be forwarded to Council for action at the October Council meeting.

IV. HEARING OF ANY CITIZEN CONCERNS

1. Josh Deering suggested that staff could check with another John Deere dealer in northeastern PA for pricing of the new mower.
2. Josh Deering asked if the Mount Joy Cyclones could practice at the Florin Park and asked if the benches and back stop could be removed. The Committee will forward this request to Borough Council at the October 5, 2015 meeting.
3. Josh Deering inquired about the manufactured gas plant park and the status of a maintenance agreement with Kiwanis Club. Hershey responded that it will be difficult to develop an MOU until the Borough and PPL/UGI determine ownership of the property.
4. Josh Deering asked if all job applicants at the Borough are notified or acknowledged concerning the position being filled. Nissley responded that only those who are interviewed are notified about the results.
5. Josh Deering reported that the resident at 642 Wood Street did not get a letter about the proposed work on Bridge Blvd. The same resident expressed concern about truck traffic and engine brake noise.

V. ANY OTHER MATTER TO COME BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

1. There was a motion by Councilor Seidel to revisit the decision about dedication of the streets at the Lakes subdivision. There was no second so the motion died.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS A POTENTIAL LITIGATION MATTER

1. The Committee entered executive session at 9:00 PM, no decisions were made. Executive Session ended at 9:22 PM.
2. There was a brief discussion concerning budget following Executive Session.

VII. ADJOURN

1. The meeting adjourned at 9:33 PM