

INFRASTRUCTURE, TECHNOLOGY, TRANSPORTATION, AND SUSTAINABILITY (ITTS)
COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday, January 16, 2024
7:00 PM

MINUTES

Committee: Chairman, Mr. Weiss, Ms. Burckley, Mr. Moore, and Mr. Strenfel
Staff: Mr. Krack, Mr. Watson, and Ms. Getzfread

I. Call to Order at 7:35 pm.

II. Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items

No public participation.

III. Committee Member Updates/Discussions

No Committee Member updates or discussions.

IV. New Business

A. Consider Parking Study Update Proposal.

Mr. Krack provided background on the proposal and answered committee member questions. He stated that this would be funded through the Parking Enterprise Fund.

Ms. Burckley made a Motion to recommend the Finance Committee allocate the funds and forward to Borough Council for consideration. Seconded by Mr. Strenfel. Motion passed 4-0.

V. Infrastructure Updates

A. Engineering Reports (Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct)

Mr. Weiss noted receipt of the reports and asked if there were any comments. There were none.

B. Stormwater Management

Mr. Krack gave an update on the PDF Maps provided by the Borough Engineer. He expects the final report for the next meeting.

C. The Phoenix Wheel

Mr. Krack reported the engineers continue to work towards final contract documents. The LOMR Map becomes effective January 29 which is when any actual work can begin on the site.

VI. Transportation Updates

A. Bridge and Starr Street

Mr. Krack reported that the MTF grant was submitted in November and that we are into the design phase of the project. Mr. Weiss asked when we might hear back regarding the grant. Ms. Getzfread stated that it is usually about 5-6 months.

C. Paradise Street – Phase 2

Mr. Krack reported the design of Phase 2 is completed and ROW/Easements are in place. New construction estimates are needed before the project is ready to go to bid/funding requests. He hopes to have those by Spring.

D. Hall Street

Mr. Krack stated the Paradise Village project will come before Borough Council in February for final approval/denial. The project includes the Hall Street improvements. There is still dialogue needed with regard to the Steel Works portion of the roadway

E. Mowere Road

Mr. Krack reported that the ROW is still needed and that PECO needs to complete their design approval before the project is ready to go bid. He expects the Borough Engineer to have the bid package ready by the next meeting.

F. French Creek Trail

Mr. Krack reported that the Easement Agreements are finalized and he signed them earlier today. Once recorded, we can begin work on this phase of the trail.

G. Train Station

Mr. Krack reported the SRPRA received the grant funding from Federal Railway. The Borough will now apply for a DVRPC TCDI grant for a Train Station Vision Plan. He noted the needed Resolution was in the packet.

Ms. Burckley made a Motion to recommend Borough Council adopt a Resolution supporting the request for planning grant dollars from the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission. Seconded by Mr. Strenfel. Motion passed 4-0.

H. Washington/Gay Intersection return to stop signs

Mr. Krack provided background on the intersection and past efforts to remove the traffic signals and replace with four-way stop signs due to the aging infrastructure and costs incurred when the signals and traffic control box is struck by vehicles. Staff will discuss this with PennDOT before any recommendation is brought forward.

I. Green Light Go Grant – Church Street Intersections

Mr. Krack provided background information on the grant program and for which intersection the funding would be applied to.

Ms. Burckley made a Motion to recommend Borough Council adopt a Resolution approving an application for Green Light - Go grant funds from the Department of Transportation (PennDOT) for full upgrades of traffic signal installations at two intersections in the commercial center of Phoenixville, PA, Gay Street at Church Street and Main Street at Church Street. Seconded by Mr. Moore. Motion passed 4-0.

J. Church Street Traffic Evaluation

Mr. Krack noted the evaluation report did not make it into this month's packet. This will be on the Agenda for next month.

VII. Sustainability Updates

A. PXVNEO

Mr. Watson reported there continues to be some issues with the system that need to be resolved before the system can be restarted. Staff is working with its consultants to identify firms which can address the issue and provide a path towards implanting remediation measures.

Mr. Krack reported this will likely take upwards of 90 days. At this time we cannot schedule a ribbon cutting.

B. EV Charging Stations

Ms. Getzfread reported the Borough has 46 EV Stations throughout the managed lots. With Borough Council approving the 99 Bridge Street Plan, the Ashland Street Lot will have an additional six stations based on their plan submission.

C. Municipal Building Solar Design

Mr. Krack reported he met with the Borough Engineer earlier today to discuss the logistics of the installation which he expects to be in the Spring.

VIII. Technology Updates

A. Website

Ms. Getzfread reported that Staff continues to make improvements on how information is displayed and reported in the web site.

IX. Public Participation

David Lutzker asked that more of the information for topics on the Agenda be provided in the public facing packet.

X. Adjournment at 8:40 pm

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at 7:00 pm.