

**INFRASTRUCTURE, TECHNOLOGY, TRANSPORTATION,
AND SUSTAINABILITY (ITTS)
COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday, July 15, 2025
7:00 PM**

MINUTES

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

I. Call to Order at 7:00 pm.

II. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

Gary Vail asked that “No Trucks” signs be installed on Wilson Street and Taylor Street as large trucks continue to use those streets for no apparent reason.

III. Committee Member Updates/Discussions

There were no committee member updates.

IV. New Business

There was no new business.

V. Infrastructure

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

Mr. Weiss noted receipt of the reports and asked whether any member had any questions. There were none.

B. Stormwater Management

No action to report.

C. Phoenix Wheel

Mr. Krack reported that Staff is waiting for the Agreement with the Schuylkill River Heritage Center to be finalized. The contract with Specialty Metals should be in place within the next week and the project should start before the August meeting of the committee.

D. Borough Properties and Habitat for Humanity

Mr. Krack reported that Habitat and Petra Housing are finalizing design details while the attorneys are also working out the documents necessary for transferring the two properties.

F. Borough Parking Lots

Mr. Krack reported that he met with the Solicitor and Nate Hoffer from Good Samaritan on possibly transferring the small parking lot at High Street and Richards Lane to Good Samaritan for their use and maintenance.

VI. Transportation

A. Bridge and Starr Street

Mr. Krack reported that PennDOT is now reviewing the project for the Highway Occupancy Permit (HOP). Once issued, the project bid package can be developed.

B. Paradise Street – Phase 2

Mr. Krack reported the project is ready to go to bid, but the Borough is waiting on funding and the contract from the County before the bid package can be finalized.

C. Paradise Street Emergency Access

Mr. Watson reported that weather has made it difficult to finalize the work needed to open the road.

D. Bridge and Nutt – 23 Corridor Improvements

Mr. Krack reported that PennDOT has scheduled a pre-construction meeting for July 28 at which time more detail will be provided as to start of construction and timeline for the project.

E. Trails

Mr. Krack reported that Staff, Borough Engineer and Solicitor had met earlier in the day to discuss the possibility of upgrading the project to an emergency repair due to the significant amount of rainfall that has occurred and increased erosion along the stream bank.

F. Walkability

Ms. Getzfread reported on the progress of the website update to include trails and sidewalk accessibility.

G. Bump outs/Rain gardens

Mr. Krack reported on the new curb work at Church and Main Streets. He reported that Staff is waiting for cost estimates to construct a new bulb out on Bridge Street for the mid-block crossing in the 100 block of Bridge Street. He also reported the Borough Traffic Engineer is in discussion with PennDOT as to applicability of bulb outs at the intersection of Second Avenue and Starr Street on all four corners.

VII. Sustainability

A. PXVNEO

Mr. Watson reported that all of the equipment has been ordered and the contractor is working through the design elements for the electrical and ventilation piping.

B. Energy Audit for Solar Installation - Fire Station and Rec Center

Mr. Krack reported that audits were done and in the packets. He reported the next step is to get a design cost estimate from the Borough Engineer. Ms. Getzfread noted the Borough has submitted a grant application to the County for funding of the solar panels but no decision has been made to date.

VIII. Technology Updates

A. Monthly Reports

Mr. Weiss noted receipt of the reports and asked whether there were any questions. There were none.

IX. Public Comment

Mr. Tom Carnevale expressed his appreciation for the rapid response from the Borough in cleaning up after the significant storms over the past few weeks.

X. Adjournment at 7:27 by Mr. Strenfel.

Next Meeting Date: **Tuesday, August 19, 2025, immediately following the Parks and Recreation Committee which starts at 6:00 pm.**