

ROADS, HIGHWAYS & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

February 6, 2017

Present: Russ Carlson, Norman Shropshire, Mark Kirchgasser, Bruce Clark

Chairman, Norman Shropshire called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

A. Upgrade of Center Medians – Promenade at Granite Run – West Baltimore Pike, N. Middletown Road

Mr. Clark presented new concept photos for the center median of the Promenade at Granite Run for Baltimore Pike. Previous design ideas had included plantings within the center median. However, Penn Dot's traffic improvement plans suggest the left turn lanes on either side be extended, and thus the median would be too small in width for plantings. Revision ideas would include large river rocks set in concrete for the Baltimore Pike median. It was also suggested to the Promenade developers that the median on the Route 352 side, by JC Penney's old location, include plantings. The developers have agreed to both concepts, subject to the Township's agreement. Committee members agreed with the proposed revisions.

B. Street Lighting Request – Penncrest High School – 134 Barren Road

The Rose Tree Media Board of School Directors requested the township act on their behalf and requisition the state to install street lights on Barren Road. The School Board expressed safety concerns with the lack of lighting at Penncrest High School's two parking lot exits. Mr. Clark noted that street lights are not installed by Penn Dot, but by the municipalities. The Township would have to pay for this installation, as well as the upkeep and maintenance of the street lights. Committee members did not see a need for additional lighting at this time.

C. Pennell Road West Loop Road Plan – Update

The Committee discussed the proposal of the West Loop Road Plan. The proposed Loop Road for the west side of Pennell Road would be behind Middletown Pizza and would continue toward the Franklin Mint/Thomas Chevrolet area. The question of who would own and maintain the road was discussed, as well as the issues of setbacks and easements that would be needed if it was a Township or state road. The state is going to do a traffic study examination of the area, and the proposal will be revisited at that point. Mr. Clark will discuss the possible public road issue further with the developer.

D. New Agenda Item

David Chartier, of 41 Stephen Drive, requested that the committee revisit the need for a three-way stop sign at the intersection of Stephen and Forge Roads. An earlier traffic study suggested the clearing of vegetation as the solution to the sight line visibility of the intersection. The committee agreed to have the area reevaluated after the vegetation is cleared out.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM

Respectfully Submitted,


Kimberly Cahill