

MINUTES  
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE  
NOVEMBER 5, 2013

The Penn Township Public Works Committee met in public session on Tuesday, November 5, 2013 at 7:00 PM. Present were Chairman Goldsmith and Commissioners Klunk, Heilman, Prieber and Felix. Also present were Manager Garvick, Township Engineer Bortner, WWTP Superintendent Mahone, Highway Foreman Mahan and Administrative Assistant Rodgers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the October 1, 2013 Public Works Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: None

HANOVER TROLLEY TRAIL: Engineer Bortner reported the Penn Township extension of the Hanover Trolley Trail is almost complete and a walk thru has been scheduled for November 7, 2013. A ribbon cutting ceremony has been scheduled for 4:00 p.m. on November 20, 2013.

AMISH MARKETS: Christopher Schwab, TRG, was present to discuss the traffic study for the Amish Markets at Hanover. Phase one of the project is just about complete with a projected opening date of November 29, 2013. This phase will include 52,000 square feet of retail space utilizing the existing building and parking. A land development plan for Phase II has also been submitted to the Board of Commissioners. Phase II shows a 60,000 square foot expansion. The markets will be open for business on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 9 AM to 6 PM.

The improvements for phase II of the markets include a left turn lane on Broadway at both the north and south site access driveways. They will align the southern driveway with the Hanover Bowling Center driveway. They will install a northbound right turn deceleration lane for the southern driveway. They are proposing to assist with some off site improvements for the project. These include modifying the access at Broadway/Flickinger Road to have right-in, right-out (RIRO) access only for Flickinger Road. Mr. Schwab noted that at Broadway/Eisenhower/Moulstown Road, the intersection would work at an overall "E" level of service. He noted that during certain time periods there would be failing levels of service on the northbound and westbound approaches. He noted no improvements are necessary for Phase I since the intersection level of service criteria still meets PennDOT's requirements. There are no improvements required at Broadway/Grant, which is the next signalized southbound intersection.

The phase II improvements include no change from Phase I at Hickory Lane, Flickinger Road or Grant Drive intersections. They are proposing adding a second westbound thru lane on Moulstown Road. A dual northbound left turn would be optimal but unfortunately it is impractical due to the right-of-way constraints and the build out nature of this section of roadway. Hanover Borough has spoken to Utz Foods about obtaining

additional rights-of-way. Mr. Schwab noted that the actual traffic counts were conducted at the Amish Markets at Shrewsbury, which has the same owner as the Amish Markets at Hanover. It was suggested that before Phase II could go forward, traffic counts would be performed to verify or modify the trip generation numbers. A new study may also need to be performed. Both municipalities were open to this idea since other nearby parcels may be developed which could lead to access management changes along Broadway.

Mr. Schwab stated that a traffic signal would be required at the proposed southern access driveway at full build out to achieve acceptable intersection levels of service but the Township was not in favor of that location at this time. There was some discussion regarding a possible contribution from the developer for a traffic signal to be installed at another location where the Amish Markets could connect to access the signal. The Committee recommended that any proposed traffic improvements be included in the Township's comprehensive plan. It was suggested that the developer amend the land development plan to a phase IA that would deal with traffic improvements. Once the market is opened and the comp plan adopted then the improvements to the traffic could be discussed with the developer along with other property owners in the area.

DUSMAN - 1050 BECK MILL ROAD: Manager Garvick received a call from Diane Dusman requesting the release of their improvement bond for curb along Beck Mill Road. This bond was secured as part of a subdivision approval in 2007. After some discussion, the Committee recommended that the bond not be returned. Engineer Bortner stated that J.A. Myers has begun construction of the Thornbury Hunt development on the opposite side of Beck Mill Road from the Dusman property. We will request that he install the curb at the same time as the curb goes in at Thornbury.

PARR'S HILL: The committee received a request from Hanover Borough for a waiver of land development requirements for improvements to the Parr's Hill Reservoir. The Penn Township Planning Commission will review the request at its December meeting.

CLOVER LANE TRAFFIC SIGNAL: The equipment for the Clover Lane signal has been delivered to the contractor that will be installing the signal. J.A. Myers has removed the tree and has indicated that he wants to begin installation immediately.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS FOR THE COMMITTEE:           None

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted  
Kristina J. Rodgers, Township Secretary