***TOWNSHIP OF RADNOR***

**Villanova CICD CARE Group**

***Minutes of the Meeting of January 5, 2017***

*The Villanova CICD CARE Group met at 6:30 PM in the Radnorshire Room of the Radnor Township Municipal Building, 301 Iven Avenue, Wayne, PA 19087*

***Present***

*Philip Ahr, Chair Robert Zienkowski, Vice-Chair*

*Rick Leonardi Stephen Norcini, P.E.*

*Chris Kovolski Jane Galli*

*Marilou Smith*

***Also Present:***  *members of the public, and Leah McVeigh, Administrative Assistant.*

*Phil Ahr called the meeting to order and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance*

*Adoption of Agenda*

Jane Galli made a motion to adopt the agenda, seconded by Robert Zienkowski. Motion passed 7-0.

*Approval of Minutes*

Steve Norcini made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 3 meeting. Marilou Smith requested the minutes include the following amendment: 100 trees were planted at the Aldwyn Triangle and 22 trees planted around the Pike Garage area. The motion with amendment was seconded by Jane Galli. Motion passed 7-0. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the December 8 meeting. Motion passed 7-0.

*Chair Report*

Phil Ahr welcomed everyone to the meeting. He noted that the seating for the meeting was changed up as suggested at a Board of Commissioners meeting, and to allow for more dynamic teamwork, and to start the new year from a new prospective.

*Review*

a. West Lancaster Avenue Lot

i. Lighting Report & Discussion

- The lighting assessment report from the lighting expert, FXB Engineering was received today and distributed to the committee. This report was generated using the information obtained from the night meeting which occurred across the tracks from the parking lot in the neighbor backyards. Steve Norcini suggested the report be tabled, and the consultant be brought to the February meeting to answer questions.

- Bob Zienkowski suggested a privacy fence approximately 50’ long could serve as a long term solution for the lights flowing into the backyards near the new driveway. He would like Villanova to commit to installing a fence. Steve Norcini agreed that although the planted buffer was the approved plan, there is a certain angle that headlights from cars entering St. Thomas Way interfere with the neighboring properties.

- Chris Kovolski responded that Villanova had complied with all the additional requests for enhancing the buffer and it hasn’t had a chance to grow and fill in yet. He would like more time for the buffer to establish before considering the installation of a fence.

- Rick Leonardi stated that the neighbors would prefer a fence and there is already a right of way fence there which could be replaced with a hurricane type fence. He feels the neighbors have been patient and time has come for other solutions to be considered.

- Jane Galli mentioned that sometimes drawn plans do not always accomplish the desired results and there are a few small gaps in the buffer which could be solved with a fence.

- Phil Ahr also believes the buffer is doing a good job of blocking light by about 90% but at St. Thomas Way where headlights come directly in there remains a concern.

- Marilou Smith explained that VU is trying to work with the township and the neighbors however the expectations seem to be never ending. VU will look at the area again at the St. Thomas Way drive.

- More discussion occurred with Bob Zienkowski strongly suggesting VU install a few sections of fence where the driveway comes into the lot. He would like an answer by January 20 as to whether VU will install a few sections of fence.

- Steve will have the lighting expert attend the February meeting.

b. Overview of Construction Activity (RT)

- Steve Norcini gave an overview of the construction activity. VU has received the U&O for the Pike Garage. Marilou Smith told the committee that there will be a soft opening of the garage on Monday and it will be used for the basketball game on Tuesday. They are having a walk through with the Radnor Police Department so they are familiar with traffic flow.

- Jane Galli asked whether there will be more lighting on the garage, and Marilou Smith explained the lighting. VU is using a different light fixture from a different manufacturer which meets the dark sky compliance and has been approved by Kevin Kochanski, the Community Development Director, and Roger Philips, the Township Engineer.

*Communication*

a. Update on project schedule

* Marilou Smith provided the group with an update on the project work.

1. Roadwork activity expected – Marilou Smith reported there is currently no roadwork occurring.
2. Pike Garage – opening Monday.
3. Residence Halls – starting work on the main parking lot to begin construction on the residence halls. They will maintain an access drive to the rear parking lot. The access drive will be open for special events to help with traffic.

b. Upcoming phases and projects

i. Pedestrian Bridge – the bid time has been extended to January 12. Expecting work to begin in the Spring.

ii. Residence Halls – construction will start from the west and move east.

* Rick Leonardi mentioned that he has a concerns with the dumpster by Moriarty Hall which has had the doors broken off and they are stacked there for some time. There is a second dumpster which has now appeared. He expressed his concern over the maintenance of the facilities. Marilou Smith explained that there is a new design needed for the dumpster and the dumpster area as there is a problem. VU is addressing all of the dumpster concerns.
* Roberta Winters asked if there were any changes in the Phasing of the construction process. Marilou Smith explained that construction is moving forward in the phases as presented.
* Phil Ahr asked if the stairs from the SEPTA bridge will remain. Marilou stated that the stairs on the north side will be removed.
* Rick Leonardi state that the SEPTA station is not ADA compliant. Randy Maude spoke to the committee regarding removal of the staircase. Marilou Smith explained that in conjunction with SEPTA & PennDOT the stairs needed to be removed per the engineers.
* Randy Maude thanked the Committee for moving forward with hiring a lighting consultant to provide the report.

Planning   
a. Main Parking Lot

1. Asphalt Milling – Phil Ahr explained that there has been concerns expressed about the asphalt milling which will occur to remove the asphalt from the Main Lot in regards to the possibility of it having asbestos. Phil has been contacted by the Board of Health regarding this issue, and he is requesting that we have some core samples tested of the asphalt for asbestos.

* Marilou Smith explained that VU has done some research and believes the Township has as well. Asbestos was used in asphalt in the 1960’s and VU’s parking lot was installed in the 1950’s. VU has no reason to believe there is asbestos in the asphalt but in order to be proactive and minimize the dust the asphalt will not be milled. It will be excavated with a loader, wet down, and removed in trucks. This would be the same process used to remove the asphalt if asbestos were being mitigated. Steve asked that VU show the specs and the requirements of DEP so that the Township can inspect the process correctly. Marilou Smith stated that VU is going to do everything required by DEP during this process and is excavating to minimize dust.
* Discussion occurred. Rick Leonardi asked if there has been any testing done for dioxins. Marilou Smith – Villanova had to do geotechnical reports before construction. Cobalt was discovered, and VU had to do a leach test. VU is comfortable with all the results of the geotechnical testing.
* Phil Ahr asked if the Township is satisfied with the test results and VU removing the asphalt as proposed. Steve Norcini understands the process that VU is proposing; however, he doesn’t know if this meets DEP’s requirements if asbestos were to be in the asphalt. He believes VU should take core samples and have it tested. Bob Zienkowski asked VU to test the asphalt for asbestos. The Township wants to know if there is asbestos there or not, and if VU is not going to test he is going to proceed to having the Township having the asphalt tested.
* Phil Ahr appreciates the work VU is doing to address the concerns of the residents. He appreciates the communication between VU, the Township and the community in regards to the project.
* Chris Kovolski explained that the goal of VU is to be proactive especially in regards to the health of the community. VU wants to protect the community and the students at all times and especially during this project. They are not trying to do anything nefarious and do not want the public to believe they are acting in response to concerns, but are doing everything possible to be proactive.
* VU will let the Township know tomorrow if they will perform the asphalt testing.
* Tish Long contacted the Delaware County Conservation District. DEP will be coming out to check on the project.
* Roberta Winters thanked the residents and VU for taking the public health issues seriously.
* Andrew Foreman, Chairman of the Board of Health, expressed his appreciation regarding everything that is being done to address the citizen’s concerns.
* Randy Maude asked if there were environmental studies that they be available for public review.

1. Condition of water under Main Lot

* Phil Ahr summarized the memo from the Delaware Riverkeeper that there was a suspected stream under the main lot and request has been made to daylight this stream. The DEP was copied on this memo from May. The committee will talk about it.
* Rick Leonardi read several paragraphs from the Delaware Riverkeeper memo. According to the DRN the stream starts under the main lot, flows through the P&W embankment and daylights in the Aldwyn Triangle where it then winds through the neighborhoods to Ithan Creek. Rick has done some studies of his own and there is a storm water inlet which contains water, and although the water has been reported as stagnant he knows from two dye tests that the water does have movement. He is concerned with construction contaminants which will have a direct path to the watershed.
* Marilou Smith explained that VU has done an investigation and has been told it is a storm inlet.
* Chris Kovolski explained that VU has a clear position and is moving forward with the project. If there is a stream discovered during construction it will be addressed at that time.
* Steve Norcini consulted with John Rice, and the issue was not raised during the land development process. The University has their approvals and the Township cannot require VU to daylight a possible stream.
* Rick Leonardi believes that VU has the ability to do something constructive as they have the expertise and talent on their staff. VU has a faculty member who has designed and developed a treatment train to deal with the stormwater coming off of the St. Augustine garage. VU has the expertise to deal with this stream if they choose.
* Roberta Winters recalls this issue being discussed at the land development meetings. She believes the university could use this stream as a learning environment for the students, and believes the Academy of Natural Sciences would possibly come out and do some testing and monitoring of the waters at the Aldwyn Triangle during construction.
* Tish Long does not believe this issue can be ignored. It is a significant finding and she would like to see a 3rd party hired to do a study.
* Rick believes that the Township/VU should hire a hydrologist to do a study.
* Phil Ahr – there are two opinions and VU has their permits. He requests that if VU finds something during excavation that they consider their down-stream neighbors.

c. Process for any possible future site visits.

* Phil Ahr wanted to discuss the expectations of any future site visits and who would be permitted to attend. This is a transparent process and trying to correct any mistakes.
* Jane Galli suggested in the future that it be voted on and specific as to who may attend any site meetings.

d. Pedestrian Bridge Ornamentation – Design Review Board (Jan 11)

* Phil Ahr announced that the ornamentation on the pedestrian bridge will be brought before the Design Review Board on January 11 for anyone who wishes to attend.
* Sara Pilling expressed her unhappiness that she was not given ample notice to prepare for that meeting.
* Rick Leonardi asked where the public could get the cost breakdown of how the bridge project is being funded. Steve Norcini is not aware that this information is available.
* Phil Ahr asked where someone could find the plans for the Design Review Board – Steve Norcini suggests they be found on the website under the agenda items for the Design Review Board.

*New Business*

No New Business

*Public Comment*

Sara Pilling noted that driving east on Lancaster Avenue is now a pleasure; however she was driving and the street sweeper wasn’t using water and was creating a large amount of dust.

*Set Next Meeting Date*

The next meeting will be Thursday, February 2 @ 6:30 p.m.

*There being no further business, the meeting adjourned on a motion duly made and seconded.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Leah McVeigh*