

TOWNSHIP OF RADNOR
Villanova CICD CARE Group
Minutes of the Meeting of April 6, 2017

The Villanova CICD CARE Group met at 6:30 PM at Villanova University, Charles Widger School of Law Building, Room 101, 299 N. Spring Mill Road, Villanova, PA 19085.

Present

Philip Ahr, Chair
Chris Kovolski
Marilou Smith
Jane Galli
Rick Leonardi
Stephen Norcini, P.E.

Absent

Robert Zienkowski, Vice-Chair

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 Steve Norcini. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of Minutes

Phil Ahr made a motion to adopt, seconded by Jane Galli. Motion passed 6-0.

Chair Report

Phil Ahr welcomed everyone to the meeting, and thanked Villanova University for hosting the meeting. He explained that the meeting is not being aired live on television but is being recorded by Villanova staff, and will be available on the Township website for viewing.

Review

a. West Lancaster Avenue Lot

i. Follow Up on Lighting Report Actions

1. Fixtures – Reported by Steve Norcini – A meeting was held between Steve, the Township Solicitor (John Rice), FXB Lighting, Marilou Smith, Villanova’s Light Consultant and their attorney. It was noted that in Mr. Rice’s opinion VU was always and is now in compliance with the approved plans for the West Lancaster Avenue Lot; however, VU has agreed to put frosting on the lamp lenses, and to install 75 ft of a 6’ high fence along St. Thomas Way. Both of these items will be installed by mid-June. Jane Galli and Rick Leonardi both commented positively regarding these good faith gestures by VU.

2. St. Thomas Way Fence – Phil Ahr explained the location of the fence which VU has agreed to install at St. Thomas Way to help relieve the headlights coming in from the new roadway. Marilou Smith wanted to be clear that the installation of the 75 feet of fence will not eliminate the lights from the

headlights completely and the neighbors may still see headlights. Phil Ahr explained this as well and is hopeful that with the growth of the buffer that together with the fence will help the neighbors with most of the lights. Additional shields have also been put on the line of light fixtures along the back side of the parking lot.

- Randy Maude, resident of Aldwyn Lane, asked if an 8' fence could be considered. Chris Kovolski explained that that the Township Ordinance only allows for a 6' high fence. Discussion continued with Rick Leonardi asking if the ordinance could be changed to allow for an 8' high fence along a utility. Steve Norcini explained the steps in having an ordinance changed which would take months. Mr. Kovolski noted that VU is willing to put up 75 feet of 6' fence on Villanova's property.

3. Basketball Court Light – the light has been turned off, and this item is closed on the agenda.

b. Overview of Construction Activity (RT)

- Steve Norcini explained that the currently the Township is only inspecting E & S items (erosion and sediment control) and there are currently no issues or complaints.

c. Status of Radnor Township Testing of Main Lot asphalt and soil by RETTEW approved by the BOC

- Steve Norcini that RETTEW will be performing soil testing on the Main Lot. Locations will be selected, sites staked out, and borings will take place with results of the tests to be received by mid-May.

- Steve Norcini also reported that RETTEW will also be testing Valley Run with a report expected to the Board of Commissioners by mid-June.

- Phil Ahr thanked VU for providing access to their site for this testing to take place.

Communication

a. Update on phases and project

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

i. Residence Halls – Excavation is continuing for the residence halls. Three basements have been dug out and foundations and footers poured, and the fourth basement will be dug out and poured by mid-May. Marilou Smith explained how construction will move forward with the project being built west to east.

- Jane Galli asked about anticipated noise during construction which was then discussed.

ii. Pedestrian Bridge – Bridge construction began the end of February with the removal of the stone caps with crosses and Villanova College engraved in them, which will be stored, and used during the final phase of the bridge project. PENNDOT has started their notifications of upcoming potential lane closures which is their requirement. As the actual dates of the lane closures get closer, VU and Radnor Township will make notifications as well.

Planning

a. Parking Concerns – Graduation

- Phil Ahr asked about VU's plan for graduation in regards to construction. Chris Kovolski explained the plan as VU anticipates many parents and friends during the graduation events, and is addressing and giving as much advance information to visitors as possible.

New Business

a. Rettew Study of Valley Run

- Phil Ahr reported that the Board of Commissioners approved the monitoring of Valley Run downstream from the VU construction project as well as downstream from the Clem Macrone Park project. A sampling visit will occur the 2nd week of May with baseline results to be reported to the BOC in mid-June. In roughly a year the tests will be performed again to determine how these projects are effecting the stream. As a major stream flowing through the residential neighborhoods it is the Township's duty to check the health of the stream to be sure it is not being adversely effected by these projects.
- Rick Leonardi asked why the tests were being done, and asked for acknowledgement that the water from the main lot does communicate with the water on the south side. He is also in complete agreement that these tests are warranted, but would like to see the tests expanded to below ground level as well.
- Jane Galli asked if Rettew would use any portion of the Delaware Riverkeepers Report and she would like this testing to be done in regards to all of the projects in Radnor near streams.

Public Comment

Roberta Winters spoke to the Board regarding hydrological testing and including other groups such as the EAC, the Delaware Riverkeepers Network, and the Radnor Middle School Watershed program. There is a water reporter app available for cell phones which could be a useful app for the public to report stream concerns.

Steve Norcini expressed that if stream testing becomes a requirement, a protocol will need to be established.

Mrs. Winters recommended that Phil Ahr and Steve Norcini go to the EAC and make a recommendation to them that all the streams be tested.

Chris Kovolski explained that currently construction is moving along and asked if we could schedule the next meeting after VU's graduation. The committee discussed and decided to postpone the next meeting until at least June 15. The June meeting date will be determined.

Randy Maude is still seeing out of licenses on cars in the SEPTA lot. He also pointed out the construction along the R-5 tracks and the noise from generators. Steve Norcini explained that the Police enforce the noise and work hours.

Mrs. Winters spoke about including the Township Boards such as the Board of Health and the EAC in issues that are of interest to residents.

Set Next Meeting Date-

- The committee set the next meeting date to Thursday, June 15 (this was changed during the month to Tuesday, June 20).
- The committee discussed the monthly meeting scheduled and determined that during this part of the project it would only be necessary to meet bi-monthly or possibly even quarterly. If a

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need arose, the committee would return to monthly meetings. The next meeting will be in June and then September, and then most likely November.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Leah McVeigh