

**TOWNSHIP OF RADNOR**  
**Villanova CICD CARE Group**  
**Minutes of the Meeting of July 27, 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  
Chris Kovolski  
Marilou Smith  
Jane Galli  
Rick Leonardi*

**Absent**

*Robert Zienkowski, Vice-Chair  
Stephen Norcini*

**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 Rick Leonardi. Motion passed 5-0.

*Approval of Minutes*

Chris Kovolski made a motion to adopt, seconded by Jane Galli. Motion passed 5-0.

*Chair Report*

Phil Ahr welcomed everyone to the meeting. He noted that Bob Zienkowski and Steve Norcini got called away, and the meeting will start without them. He also noted that members of the EAC were invited to attend the meeting regarding the Valley Run Stream report. The permanent speed humps have been installed on Aldwyn Lane and the feedback has been mainly positive. The West Lancaster Avenue Lot item is no longer on the agenda as the feedback in regards to this has been satisfactory. VU has frosted the lighting fixtures and installed fencing to help with headlight spillage into the back yards. The Zoning Hearing Board has also approved the application by the neighbors to install an additional 2' on the height of the fence if they so choose. Rick Leonardi thanked VU and the Radnor Police.

*Review*

a. Overview of Recent Construction Activity (RT) – No Report

*Communication*

a. Update on phases and project

i. Residence Halls –

Marilou Smith reported that she meets with the Township building inspector nearly every day. The buildings are going up with the corner building moving a little slower as it contains the mechanicals.

- Pedestrian Bridge – The bridge construction is moving along and the University has closed the plaza in front of the church. The target dates for shutting down Lancaster Avenue, and setting the bridge and beams are August 28, 29 & 30. The permit allows for the closing of the roadway from 9:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. Phil Ahr asked if the detour routes have been set. Marilou Smith stated that any tractor trailers will be detoured through the VU campus so they don't need to worry about bridge heights. Chris Kovolski explained the public announcements which will occur as we get closer to the bridge placement and Lancaster Ave. closing dates.
- Sewer Project – The main campus sewer is being connected to the Lower Merion system. The housing project is being connected to the Radnor system.

### Planning

#### a. Discussion of Radnor Township testing by RETTEW

- Phil Ahr introduced Steve Gabriel from RETTEW Assoc. to outline the test results of Valley Run
- i. Valley Run by RETTEW – Steve Gabriel explained that the testing of Valley Run will be done in two parts. The first was testing this spring to set up a baseline sample and the 2<sup>nd</sup> will be done next spring to see if there are any changes. Steve introduced Mark Metzler, from RETTEW who performed the assessment.
- Mark Metzler presented the stream assessment of Valley Run to the committee. RETTEW did testing of the headwaters of Valley Run in May of 2017 at 4 sample sites. Valley Run does have invertebrate which correlates with hard water. It is an impaired stream which is not surprising in an urban environment. There was no detection of oil or grease in any of the samples. The water samples were high alkalinity which is normal in an area of limestone. There are higher levels of choline/chlorides, sodium and phosphates, probably as a result of de-icing material used on roads and parking lots. He believes with the removal of the parking lot, these levels may improve, and hopes to see a change in next year's samples. The entire assessment is available at [www.radnor.com](http://www.radnor.com). The Valley Run Assessment shows that this is a typical urban stream. More samples will be taken and assessed next spring with this year's samples as a baseline.
- Rick Leonardi asked if there were contaminants mobilized by the construction and what might indicate that there could be lead in the water. Mr. Metzler explained that lead is caught in sediments, and if the construction keeps the E&S on site it should help minimize contaminants to the stream. There are probably no visual signs of lead other than to test for it directly.
- Roberta Winters thanked the Commissioners for having the report done. She is glad to see that the water is better near the park and is hoping that VU and the Township can work together to help provide buffering upstream, and help the Township meet MS4 requirements for stream quality.
- Phil Ahr asked if there are suggestions for management practices to help with the stream quality. Mr. Metzler noted that riparian buffers in backyards could help by providing shade to the stream. Colder water is better. He would also encourage land owners to plant native species, and to not dispose of yard clippings into the stream.

New Business

No New Business

Public Comment

Set Next Meeting Date-

- The committee set the next two meeting dates for Thursday, September 7 and Thursday, November 2. There will be no meeting in October.

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

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Leah McVeigh*