

**TOWNSHIP OF RADNOR**  
**Villanova CICD CARE Group**  
**Minutes of the Meeting of September 7, 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*  
*Chris Kovolski*  
*Marilou Smith*  
*Jane Galli*  
*Rick Leonardi*  
*Stephen Norcini*

**Absent**

**Also Present:** *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 Chris Kovolski. Motion passed 7-0.

*Approval of Minutes*

Chris Kovolski made a motion to adopt, seconded by Jane Galli. Motion passed 4-3 with 3 members abstaining.

*Chair Report*

Phil Ahr welcomed everyone to the meeting.

*Review*

a. Overview of Recent Construction Activity (RT)

Steve Norcini explained that the current phase of the VU project is a building project, and the inspections being performed by the Township are for building not engineering. The Township is still monitoring the E & S (erosion & sediment) control but the project is in the building phase.

Phil Ahr mentioned the installation of the pedestrian bridge. He traveled the area in both directions during the detour and had no problems. There was a small issue with the signage at Aldwyn Lane but when Commissioner Ahr notified the police it was corrected immediately. Marilou Smith agreed that the police monitored the detour, and all went well.

*Communication*

a. Update on phases and project

i. Residence Halls –

Marilou Smith gave an update on the residence hall construction. Construction is going well.

- The plan is to have the roof trusses on and sheathing up by winter for the first complex. The stone installation will begin as soon as possible with the little house next to the tracks set up as a mock up sample for the masons to view as a controlled example. PECO is running gas lines on Ithan Avenue to service the residence halls, and they are about half way done.
- ii. Pedestrian Bridge – The bridge construction is moving along with the finishing of the concrete beams across Lancaster Avenue. There are platforms being installed for the men to work from as they continue the project. The bridge project has several complicating variables including working with PennDOT, and grant funding, work being done with private VU funding, as well as work with SEPTA to tie in the Villanova SEPTA station. The bridge work is behind schedule, but VU knows that the pedestrian bridge opening is required for the housing Certificates of Occupancy. The bridge is anticipated to be complete before graduation in the spring, but with the delays and complications it is understood that it will definitely be finished by September 2019. There is a tentative schedule to shut down the R-1 Villanova Station for a month in November or December to make the station connection to the bridge. SEPTA also has plans to renovate the Stadium Station which will take approximately nine months to complete. Marilou Smith is working closely with the bridge designers and PennDOT to keep the bridge schedule moving as the Stadium Station renovation must be in coordination with the bridge completion and the shut down and connection to the Villanova Station. Phil Ahr asked about the lane closures occurring weekdays on Lancaster Avenue. The lane closure is part of the gas main work being completed by PECO. Rick Leonardi questioned SEPTA's plans to make the Villanova station ADA compliant. Marilou Smith and Chris Kovolski stated that to their understanding, SEPTA has a long-term plan to address ADA compliance along the entire line. Rick Leonardi asked several questions about the gas service being installed and about the pedestrian bridge height. Marilou Smith answered his questions. Jane Galli wondered if the parking garage would accommodate all of the student cars. Chris Kovolski believes that the new housing will reduce the number of cars coming to campus, and noted that the parking should satisfy the needs of the students and the University.

### Planning

- a. Status of traffic adaptive system for Lancaster Avenue – Chris Kovolski noted that as part of the conditional use approval VU had to contribute \$175,000 as half of the cost of a traffic improvement system on Lancaster Avenue through four or five intersections. Mr. Kovolski asked for an update on the status of the traffic adaptive project. Steve Norcini explained that the Township has applied for two grants with the thought of using the VU money as matching funds for grants. The Township was not successful in obtaining either grant as PennDot would like to see the project extended to include the Route 476 interchange. The Township plans on applying for additional grants and is holding the \$175,000 in abeyance as grant match funds. Chris Kovolski offered any assistance he or Villanova can give to help with future grant submissions.
- b. Questions:
  - a. Ithan Parking Garage – Rick Leonardi has witnessed and heard from others that although the signs show right in and right out people leaving are making left turns out of the parking garage. Steve Norcini noted that the design has gone through the engineering process and has been

- approved. Rick wondered if a traffic study would be done once the dorms are complete and occupied. Steve Norcini explained that once the Traffic Adaptive System is to be installed he is sure that another traffic study would be done at that time. Jane Galli asked if the interior roadway by the R100 will be two lanes. Marilou Smith noted that the interior roads will be two lane roadways, and the police will monitor the traffic needs during peak times.
- b. Stone Hall retention basin – Rick Leonardi noted that people are taking interest in the retention basin, and are wondering if it is working properly, and whether it is being controlled for mosquitos, and whether it should be fenced if it is a potential drowning hazard. Marilou Smith explained that it is a rain garden, and is not a retention basin. Marilou Smith is aware of the situation and the engineer and contractor are coming back to try to determine how to fix it to make it work properly.
  - c. Valley Run & Aldwyn Triangle – Rick Leonardi noted that he is concerned with the lead found by RETTEW in their asphalt/soil assessment. RETTEW’s Valley Run stream assessment did not include a lead test. Mr. Leonardi feels that since lead was found in 1 report the stream should be tested for lead as well. Steve Norcini explained stream testing and believes if RETTEW thought there was a problem they would have brought it to the Township’s attention. Steve will review the reports again. Bob Zienkowski asked Steve to review the reports, and also to have RETTEW to do a chemical water test.

New Business

Chris Kovolski wanted to make the committee aware that Villanova is negotiating an agreement for a liquor license for one of the restaurants that will occupy space in the new housing project.

Chris Kovolski noted there will be a brief fireworks display on Saturday, September 9, and the public is invited. Villanova will also be hosting the funeral mass for Rollie Massimino on September 11 & 12 and the campus will be extremely busy those two days.

Public Comment

No public Comment

Set Next Meeting Date-

**The committee set the next meeting date for Wednesday, December 6 at 6:30 p.m. There will be no meeting in October or November.**

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

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Leah McVeigh*