

TOWNSHIP OF RADNOR
Villanova CICD CARE Group
Minutes of the Meeting of July 7, 2016

The Villanova CICD CARE Group met at 6:30 PM in the Administration Department located on the 2nd Floor in the Radnor Township Municipal Building, 301 Iven Avenue, Wayne, PA 19087

Present

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

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

Robert Zienkowski made a motion to adopt, seconded by Phil Ahr. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of Minutes

Stephen Norcini made a motion to adopt, seconded by Robert Zienkowski. Marilou Smith amended the minutes. The motion to approve the minutes with amendments was passed 7-0.

Chair Report

No Report.

Review

West Lancaster Avenue Lot

- i. Expected Opening Time (VU)
 - The West Lancaster Avenue Lot will be open for commuter use in August. The right turn in and right turn out lanes will be completed upon the moving of utilities and poles. The parishioners are using the main parking lot.
- ii. Tentative Schedule of Buffer Night check (headlight) and next inspection (VU)
 - John Hosbach and Steve Norcini will be doing a night inspection in August to evaluate headlights through the buffer at each opening. John Hosbach will be doing two more buffer planting inspections one in late July and one in August. The committee will receive an update at the next meeting from John.
- iii. Timing of Guided walk-through of buffer for CARE members
 - Discussion occurred regarding scheduling a walkthrough of the buffer with CARE members. John Hosbach will do a day inspection of the buffer in July to address current buffer needs/replacements. John Hosbach, Gannett Fleming, and Stephen Norcini are charged with doing the final inspection of the buffer after everything is complete. After the headlight buffer inspection is performed by John Hosbach and Steve Norcini, and any deficiencies are addressed.

Neighbors and CARE will be invited for a walk through to explain and answer any questions. This date will be selected upon completion of the other inspections, but CARE will look to set this meeting up at the August meeting.

- Rick Leonardi mentioned that John Hosbach will be looking at the survival rates of the plants and Rick is wondering if there is a mechanism to swap out plants to fill in gaps. Steve Norcini explained that some of the ten trees held in abeyance from the sidewalk installation may be used in the buffer; however he is concerned with using them all in the WLA buffer and not having them available if more critical needs are determined.
- Steve Norcini noted again that VU will manage and maintain the buffer through perpetuity.

iv. Lighting discussion

1. Scheduling light viewing from Aldwyn back yards

- VU took light measurements from the property lines. Two attempts have been made to reach out to the neighbors on Aldwyn Lane to schedule a meeting to evaluate the lights from the resident's back yards. Another attempt will be made, and for those who don't reply, Commissioner Ahr will try to make contact with them.
- Stephen Norcini will send out another Doodle poll with new dates for a possible meeting.
- The Township will bring in a lighting consultant for this meeting.
- Residents discussed the LED lights. VU's lights are on the warmer range for LED bulbs.
- Lynn Ellis would like to see the Township update their codes regarding LED lighting and shielding; both zoning and the land development codes.

2. Discussion – consideration of partial shielding for south facing panels

- With Bob Zienkowski's observation of the lights and the ordinance he would like to request VU to consider putting a ring shield around each light. Marilou Smith explained that VU has placed an order for shields for the lights, but currently they have placed a 2" duct tape line around all the lights in an effort to replicate how the shields will work to shield the lights. There will not be the ability to put shielding on the lights in the housing part of the project.
- Randy Maude asked about the mechanical equipment and moving lights. Chris Kovolski explained that the mechanical equipment will be installed on roof tops. VU is doing everything possible to meet and exceed specifications, standards, and expectations, and are making adjustments where and if necessary. Steve Norcini explained that VU is unable to move lights as the lights have been fully approved on all plans, and the parking lot is designed around the current placement.
- The Township's job is to keep VU in compliance with the approved plans.

3. Fence Discussion

- There is no conclusion regarding the installation of a fence to block out lights and activity on the south side. The Township would issue a waiver for an 8' fence. This item will be discussed at the next meeting.
- Residents asked if VU would consider constructing a fence on their side of the track. Chris Kovolski explained that it wouldn't make sense from a liability or for accessibility as well the expense and effort that the University has already expended on the buffer. Commissioner Ahr will discuss the possibility of fencing with the neighbors along their property lines.

Communication – Slide Presentation by Marilou Smith attached as part of minutes and includes below topics.

Update on Lancaster Avenue Sidewalk Project

Pike Parking Structure Update

Roadway Improvement – Overview of Updated Schedule

- i. Ithan Avenue
- ii. Lancaster Avenue

- Annemarie Hessman asked about the sidewalk closures along Lancaster Avenue. Steve Norcini will look at the signs along Lancaster. VU explained that there will be no sidewalks on the west side of Lancaster until after the housing portion of the project.

- VU is updating the project website and trying to keep to timelines as possible. The pedestrian bridge has been pushed back to next spring. The pre-cast parking structure deliveries will begin next week. Steve will check with staff traffic to be sure the pre-cast will be delivered appropriately.

Stormwater Management Work being done on Pike Field

- The stormwater management work on Pike Field will take water off Route 30 as planned.

Discussion – approved plans for buffering behind Residence Halls in CICD

- Marilou Smith state that VU could build a 4' berm along approximately 200' of the rear residence hall area but would need to go in front of Shade Tree and remove four or five trees. The new berm would provide better buffering as the mature trees that would be removed lose their leaves in the fall. The CARE group discussed the creation of the berm, and the residents in attendance spoke in favor of staying with the approved plan and not creating the berm. – Picture attached.

Planning

Update on Sewer Agreement between Radnor and Lower Merion Townships

- Phil Ahr stated that the sewer agreement is close to being finished by the solicitor and should be on the July 18 Board of Commissioners Agenda. He does not anticipate any problems with the agreement.
- Phil Ahr asked Steve Norcini if he has any issues with the VU project. Steve believes the contractors on the job have been good and have been addressing his concerns and issues. On the whole the project is moving along well.

New Business

Jane Galli asked if the material being installed on the wall will be what is installed on the buildings. Marilou Smith explained that the stone on the new resident halls will have a similar look and color.

Resident asked what will happen if they uncover the stream identified by the Delaware Riverkeeper Network. Steve Norcini stated that it doesn't appear to be a stream and what VU has provided doesn't give any indication that it is the start of a stream.

- Annmarie Hessman stated that according to historical maps which were presented back at the start of the project it would appear that stream headwaters are under the lot.
- Mr. Norcini explained that just because you hit ground water doesn't mean you have a stream. Tish Long asked if the township was finished investigating this issue. Mr. Norcini stated that a response from VU was received by the Township stating that they believe this not to be a stream, and any further action would be determined by the Radnor Township Board of Commissioners. Mrs. Long would like to know if the information is available.

Public Comment

- Toni Bailey requested Commissioner Ahr to have the VU Care Meetings aired on television.
- Chris Kovolski sent e-mails to the Barleycone neighbors providing an update on Pike Field. The project should not affect drains on private property. Marilou Smith believes the new storm basin will control the water flow from route 30 and will not have any effect on the neighbor's storm water control.

Set Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be Thursday, August 18 @ 6:30 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Leah McVeigh

Action Items

Set date at August meeting for walk through of buffer for CARE group.