***TOWNSHIP OF RADNOR***

**Villanova CICD CARE Group**

***Minutes of the Meeting of October 19, 2016***

*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*

*Stephen Norcini, P.E. Rick Leonardi*

*Marilou Smith Chris Kovolski*

*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*

Bob Zienkowski made a motion to adopt the agenda, seconded by Marilou Smith. Motion passed 7-0.

*Approval of Minutes*

Jane Galli made a motion to adopt, seconded by Chris Kovolski. Motion passed 7-0.

*Chair Report*

 Phil Ahr welcomed everyone to the meeting. If anyone watching at home has any questions, Mr. Ahr invited them to contact him directly.

*Review*

a. West Lancaster Avenue Lot

1. Schedule for guided walk-through of buffer for CARE members (set date)
* The date for the guided walk through of the buffer with John Hosbach, Township Arborist was set for November 3 at 3:00 p.m.
* Steve Norcini gave an overview of the buffer inspection report performed in August. Steve discussed the proposed recommendations for new trees plantings and shrub moving for more adequate buffer coverage. There are 10 trees being held in abeyance from the sidewalk project which can be used as part of the additional planting recommendations. Chris Kovolski agreed with planting the trees, but would like to further discuss the moving of any shrubs as the buffer was planted as part of an approved planting plan.
* Rick Leonardi asked that a headlight evaluation also be performed from St. Thomas Way. Mr. Norcini assured him that this area was included in the buffer inspection.
1. Scheduling WLA light viewing from Aldwyn back yards – TBD
* It was decided to wait to set up a date for this night viewing until the leaves have dropped from the trees.
* The Township will send out letters to the residents asking permission to enter their back yards.
* It was discussed that the night meeting was to look for the sight of any light elements, but is not regarding glare casting up from the lights.
* Follow up from night inspection items - this agenda place holder will concur after the night viewing has occurred.

b. Overview of Construction Activity (RT)

* Steve Norcini reported that the West Lancaster Avenue Lot is complete. There has been significant progress on the parking garage, and now the focus is on traffic signal work, and the new traffic signal at St. Thomas Way as well as the paving on Lancaster Avenue. PECO and Aqua are currently not working in the area. Mr. Norcini thanked Lt. Block and the Radnor Police Department in their efforts for controlling traffic in the area.
* Rick Leonardi thanked the Radnor Police for controlling traffic during construction on Lancaster. He is curious how traffic will flow when it is being controlled with the new traffic signalization as programmed.

c. Review of Lancaster Ave road work and traffic mitigation (RT/VU)

* Phil Ahr appreciated the efforts taken to keep the traffic flowing as there was the potential for large traffic snarling in the area. Marilou Smith concurred the traffic mitigation has been good.
* Regarding other traffic control problems throughout the township, Bob Zienkowski commented on the continuous poor performance of a traffic control company that works for the utilities. Both PECO and Aqua have been notified to Radnor’s dissatisfaction with the current traffic control on their projects. Mr. Zienkowski was satisfied with the traffic control at Villanova.
* An update was given on other utility work occurring in Radnor Township. Aqua will be doing a water main replacement throughout Conestoga Village beginning very soon.

*Communication*

a. Update on project schedule

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

i. West Lancaster Ave surface parking - complete

ii. Lancaster and Ithan – new signal has been installed

1. Ithan Avenue – left lane extension is complete
2. St. Thomas Way – the new drive way is open and new pedestrian crosswalk is operational and the old crosswalk is closed.
3. Ithan Avenue widening will begin soon now that the Villanova utilities have been relocated.

b. Upcoming Projects

i. South Ithan Avenue roadwork – Ithan Avenue will be tentatively closed from November 7 to 12.

ii. Pike Garage – scheduled for completion the end of December with opening in January. There is one more pre-cast delivery to occur next week.

iii. Pedestrian Bridge

– The bid is scheduled to be awarded in December with construction to begin in January or February.

iv. Residence Halls – The residence halls will all begin and come out of the ground at the same time with possibly a month lag time between each.

Planning
a. Status of Plantings on Aldwyn Triangle

* Due to drought conditions the nurseries are slow in releasing plants. The plantings of the Aldwyn Triangle should occur in November.

b. SEPTA station improvements

* Marilou Smith has reached out to SEPTA but hasn’t gotten a timeline from them.

*New Business*

Jane Galli asked about the flashing light at the pedestrian crosswalk.

* There will be a flashing light on a pole on each side of the street when the ped button is pushed. The crosswalk is just painted white lines.
* Rick Leonardi asked if there could be plantings to hide the flashing light. Marilou Smith explained that the flashing lights will be at 7 ft and there would not be any plantings. Rick would like additional consideration given to alert drivers of the crosswalk.

Jane Galli asked if the Pedestrian Bridge was going back to Design Review

* Chris Kovolski stated that the bridge is not going back to Design Review, but the ornamentations are to go back to Design Review.

Jane Galli heard that parishioners will be charged $40 per year to use the parking lot at VU. Chris Kovolski assured her that this is not true, and handicap parking will remain on campus near the Church.

Chris Kovolski – The St. Thomas of Villanova Day of Service was very successful. There was a team of students that cleaned up along Route 30, and Mr. Kovolski thanked the Township for their support in providing a trash truck and police to help the students and protect them

Chris Kovolski invited the public to the Villanova Exhibition Game and Celebration at the Wells Fargo Center on November 5. The event is free and everyone is invited. The Championship Banner will be unveiled.

*Public Comment*

* Sara Pilling is concerned for the safety of the students who cross Lancaster Avenue wherever they prefer. Chris Kovolski shares the concern, and the University tries to educate the students on personal safety.
* Annemarie Hessman shared a safety concern at N. Ithan Avenue. Marilou Smith understands the concern and the old pavement will be removed when the last pre-cast delivery is received which should remove the concern.
* Anne Marie Hessman is also concerned with the pavement lines on Ithan which have been moved back on the street, and will therefore delay traffic turning left creating a dangerous situation. Marilou Smith explained that this is the approved plans by Gilmore Associates and PennDOT for the roadway.
* Jane Galli was approached by a member of the Board of Health regarding the Air Quality at the VU construction site. There was concern whether the students and faculty should be issued masks for their protection. Steve Norcini explained that the inspector on site requires the contractor to water down the site when there is dust. There is also a street sweeper on site. He is unaware of air quality testing required during this construction.
* Rick Leonardi would like the dust situation investigated and any means possible used to mitigate. Steve Norcini agreed and concurred that the contractor must be vigilant and pro-active in controlling the dust.
* Phil Ahr asked if the dirt will be hauled from the site for the dorm construction. Marilou Smith explained that most of the dirt will be removed, but some will remain onsite for use as backfill. It has been a difficult, dry summer, and she believes the contractor has been doing a very good job controlling dust as much as possible.
* Annemarie Hessman would like the air quality tested with more than an eyeball. She quoted from the EPA website that the most dangerous particles are those not visible to the naked eye. She would like it if the air quality could actually be measured quantitatively. Steve Norcini told her we would step up inspections, but again he is unaware of any requirement for air quality testing and will continue staying on the contractor. He stated that Marilou Smith and the contractor have been very responsive to all of his requests.

*Set Next Meeting Date*

The next meeting will be Thursday, November 3 @ 6:30 p.m.

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

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Leah McVeigh*