

MEMORANDUM

TO: David Kraynik, Township Manager

FROM: Mary R. Stover, P.E.

DATE: February 16, 2024

SUBJECT: Towamencin Township
Public Works Advisory Committee Meeting Summary

Attendees:	David Kraynik	Chuck Wilson	Laura Smith	Will Brugger
	Mary Stover	Chad Dixson	Colleen Ehrle	Dave Hillmantel
	Peter Simone			

The following is a summary of the items discussed during the February 15, 2024 Meeting of the Towamencin Township Public Works Advisory Committee (PWAC):

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DISCUSSION

Peter Simone from Simone Collins met with the Committee to discuss the Township’s needs for Public Works facilities and issues related to the Comprehensive Plan.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Weikel Road Drainage/Pedestrian Walkway Improvements
 - It was noted that there are three property owners that have not returned the right-of-way and easement documents and one new property owner that needs to be contacted. CKS and Township staff will try to contact these residents to obtain the needed signatures.

2. Central Drive Stormwater System Repairs
 - The documents for the temporary construction easements have been sent to the residents for execution. There are six temporary easement agreements that have not been returned to the Township.
 - PECO has approved the use of the PECO easement for construction access in the rear of the Central Drive properties. The agreement will be provided to the Township for signature.

3. Bocce Courts
 - The Public Works Department completed the construction of the drainage system and retaining walls around the Bocce Courts.
 - Top-A-Court will be installing the new surface in the spring.

4. 2024 Road Paving Project

- The Road project is out to bid. Bids are due by 10:00 am on March 15, 2024 with a possible award at the March 20, 2024 Board of Supervisors meeting.

5. 2024 ADA Ramp and Curb Project

- This year's contract will include both ADA ramps and curb replacement on the roads that will be paved in 2025.
- CKS has prepared a list of properties that require curb replacement.
- There are 8 properties where the pipe through the curb will need to be removed. Options for addressing these pipes was discussed. CKS and Dave Hillmantel will go look at each of the locations.

6. Landscape & Signage for ROW at Turnpike Interchange to Kulpsville

- This item was discussed at the 2/14/24 Board of Supervisors meeting.
- Peter Simone from Simone Collins will be getting updated costs from sign contractors.

7. Repairs to Pedestrian Bridge over Forty Foot Road

- No update.

8. Green Lane Park Soccer Field

- CKS and the Township Manager attended the Towamencin Municipal Authority meeting on Monday February 12, 2024. The property is owned by the Authority. The Authority authorized their solicitor to prepare an agreement for the use of the area for the soccer fields.
- CKS had a pre-submission meeting with Montgomery County Conservation District. Some updates are being made to the plans as a result of this meeting. Once completed and the signed applications and fees are provided, CKS can submit the permit application for official review.
- It was discussed that another meeting should be held with members of TYA to get their feedback on the proposed soccer fields. Township staff will arrange this meeting.

9. Welsh Road/Orvilla Road Intersection Improvements Project

- Bowman discussed the status of this project at the 2/14/24 Board of Supervisors meeting.
- PA State Historic Preservation Office is reviewing the additional information provided regarding the church and cemetery property on the northwest corner of the intersection.

10. Forty Foot Road/Newbury Way/PSDC Traffic Signal

- PennDOT approved the extension of the grant for the traffic signal until November 2024.
- An updated warrant analysis is needed from PSDC for the traffic signal.
- PSDC is scheduled to be at the 2/28/24 Board of Supervisors meeting for an update on the shopping center redevelopment.
- Revised plans were submitted for the proposed Supermarket at this location.

- Another staff meeting with PSDC will be scheduled for March.

11. Township Building Driveway Lighting

- A quote had been received for eight lights along the access driveway in 2022 using the same lights in the complex. The lights and installation are estimated to cost approximately \$85,000.
- It was discussed that this was not included in the budget for 2024. It was discussed whether this was something that needed to be addressed this year.
- There is a grant opportunity for improvements to the municipal complex. It was determined that the lights would be included in the grant application. If the grant is not received, the lights could be budgeted for 2025.

12. Parking, Pickleball & Pavilion at Fischer's Park

- The Open Space and Parks Advisory Committee (OSPAC) is now recommending that Butch Clemens Park be evaluated for the possible construction of pickleball courts.
- CKS was requested to prepare a proposal to evaluate locating pickleball and a small parking area on the northern side of Butch Clemens Park and prepare a concept plan.
- It was noted that parking still needs to be addressed at Fischer's Park. OSPAC had suggested the possibility of parking on the north side of Kriebel Road. Currently, it is not possible to provide a safe pedestrian crossing at this location. Until the crossing is resolved, parking should not be provided in this area.
- Other options for parking were discussed.

13. Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

- The proposed ordinance is scheduled for a public hearing at the February 28, 2023 Board of Supervisors meeting for consideration.

14. Grant Opportunities

- CKS is preparing a proposal for the preparation of a grant application for the COVID-19 ARPA Capital Projects Fund - Multi-Purpose Community Facilities Program for improvements at the municipal complex for consideration at the 2/28/24 Board of Supervisors meeting.

15. Comprehensive Plan

- Simone Collins has been meeting with the various Township committees to get input on the Comprehensive Plan.

16. MS4 Update

- CKS has begun the design work for modifying two of the Township-owned detention basins in the Grist Mill neighborhood.
- The Board of Supervisors authorized CKS to prepare two grant applications for the construction of the proposed basin modifications at their 2/14/24 meeting.

17. TYA Projects

- No TYA projects at this time.

18. Long Term Storm Sewer Maintenance Plan

- CKS has started the survey work for Phase 1 of the storm sewer replacement in the Grist Mill neighborhood.
- CKS will have preliminary design information available for the PWAC in a few months.
- CKS will provide an update regarding the preparation of the long term plan at a future PWAC meeting.

19. Old Forty Foot Road/Rittenhouse Road PennDOT Safety Improvements

- PennDOT's proposal for additional signage and pavement markings along Old Forty Foot Road to improve the safety of the intersection was discussed at the 2/14/24 Board of Supervisors meeting.
- The Township should respond to PennDOT to allow them to proceed with this work.
- A sidewalk extension was discussed at the end of Rittenhouse Road so that the crosswalk could be relocated to be closer to the intersection which would allow the stop bar to move closer as well.
- This sidewalk extension and associated ADA Ramps can be added to the 2024 ADA Ramp and Curb project for the road program.

20. Township Pool – 2024 Season

- The roof replacement was approved at the 2/14/24 Board of Supervisors meeting.
- StandGuard Aquatics has advertised for pool memberships.
- Public Works will start to get the pool ready for opening starting April.

21. Request for 2 Streetlights at Detwiler Road, Quarry Road and Forty Foot Road

- Public Works obtained a quote for two streetlights for \$6,446.
- Bowman will review the quote and, if appropriate, the installation of these lights will be on the agenda for consideration at a future Board of Supervisors meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Old Forty Foot Road / Rittenhouse Road Bridge Flooding

- Debris collects at the bridge and the resident just north of the bridge has requested that this debris be removed. The main bridge over the creek is owned by Montgomery County. The County cleaned the debris several years ago, but it continues to accumulate.

If you should have any questions concerning the information summarized above, please let me know.

cc: Attendees
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