

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE REPORT – MARCH 9, 2020

Members: Richard, Chairperson, Weiler, Martin, Reinhold (Alternate)

Attendees: Richard, Weiler, Martin, Reinhold, Rowe, Barr, Moore,
Burkholder, 2 Visitors

The Highway Committee met on February 24, 2020 and discussed the following:

Action Items:

1. The Committee reviewed a January 23, 2020 request from the Ephrata Recreation Center to conduct the 3rd Annual Memorial Day 5K Race utilizing various streets in the Lincoln Heights area of the Borough on Monday, May 25, 2020 beginning at 8:00 AM. Maria Rotella, Program Assistant with the Rec Center, was present to discuss the event. The Borough's EMC has reviewed and endorsed this event as planned. The Committee will recommend that Borough Council conditionally approve the request subject to Borough receipt of a satisfactory certificate of insurance naming Ephrata Borough as additional insured at their March 9, 2020 meeting. This item will appear on the Consent Agenda.
2. The Committee reviewed an Ordinance to amend the Code of the Borough of Ephrata, Chapter 305, Vehicles and Traffic, Section 305-100, Schedule XVII: Parking Prohibited at all Times by adding thereto the north side of Lemon Street beginning at a point 169 feet east of the east curb line of Pointview Avenue a distance of 16 feet east. The property owner requesting the parking restriction was notified and confirmed that the parking restriction has improved his garage access issue. This Ordinance converts an existing 90-day experimental regulation via Resolution 2019-31 adopted by Council at their December 9, 2019 meeting. The Committee will recommend that Borough Council enact Ordinance No. 1553 at their March 9, 2020 meeting.

Discussion Items:

1. The Committee discussed inspection findings and recommendations associated with the 2019 NBIS routine inspection for the South Oak Street Bridge completed by Mackin Engineering Company for PennDOT on November 4, 2019. Scott Stock with Mackin Engineering summarized the inspection report and responded to questions; mostly regarding the maintenance recommendation to replace the existing structure mounted pedestrian railing which has been deemed inadequate as a vehicular barrier for site conditions. Other maintenance recommendations for downspout extensions and scupper cleaning will be addressed by Public Works and curb/sidewalk replacements will be evaluated and scheduled as time and budget allow. Committee directed staff to provide options which, when completed, will remove the maintenance recommendation to replace structure mounted railing from future South Oak Street Bridge inspection reports and report same at the April 27, 2020 meeting.
2. The Committee discussed parking meters, quotes and other supporting information recently prepared by Duncan Parking Technologies, Inc., a subsidiary of CivicSmart, Inc. The

Committee agreed to implement a phased approach regarding parking meters and directed staff to provide costs associated with replacement of the existing parking meter lenses due to concerns about their existing cloudy condition impeding the ability to read the meter. Lense replacement costs and supporting information for maintaining the existing parking meters while replacement meter options are evaluated will be e-mailed to Committee members for discussion at Work Session. Existing parking meters and parking rates will be further discussed at Work Session where recommendation(s) may be made at that time.

3. Director of Administration and Finance Christine Moore reviewed with the Committee the 4th Quarter 2019 budget report for those activities under their purview. After a brief discussion no issues or concerns were identified by the Committee.
4. The Committee was advised that Capstone Design + Build withdrew their sidewalk closure request at 17 – 25 West Main Street presented at the January 27, 2020 meeting. The property owner has decided to put a hold on the project for now. Chairperson Richard informed the Committee that he contacted the builder to discuss this issue.