

January 20, 2020

The East Lampeter Township Board of Supervisors met on Monday, January 20, 2020 at 7:30 pm. at the East Lampeter Township Office: 2250 Old Philadelphia Pike, Lancaster, PA 17602. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Corey Meyer. In addition to Mr. Meyer, supervisors present were: Mr. John Blowers, Mr. Dave Buckwalter and Mr. Ethan Demme. Mr. Glenn Eberly was absent. Also, present was Mr. Ralph Hutchison Township Manager.

The following persons signed in as being present in the audience:

Steve Zerbe, representing ELTPD
Elvin Engel
Amanda Dioszeghy, representing Eurofins Lancaster Laboratories
Junior Gonzalez, representing LNP
Brian Engle, Rettew Associates
Walter Berko, representing LCRCC
Jeff Guito, representing LCRCC
Warren Wasiewski
David Muchmore
Nancy Landis
Barry Killian
Scott & Jenn Wimer
Kurt & Cynthia Luckenbill
Rick High
Kurt Baumgardt
Gerald & Renate McElheny
Ken Walton
Scott & Michelle Enterline
Bill Best
Clarence & Mary Best
Bill & Amy Seton
Jim & Darla Rockwell
Chris Kennel
Dan Shellenberger
George Powers
Bob Shenk, representing Coalition for Smart Growth
Jose O. Ruiz Vazquez
Chris Lupold
Tammie Fitzpatrick
Daved & Megan Ross
Mike Thornton, representing CVHS
Pat McDonie
Jonathan Wort
Zach Dettman
Daniel M. Beiler

Craig Peck
Lynn Commero, representing LNP
Kerrie & Steve Snavelly
Mandy Lynam
Craig & Tina Clark
Dan McCuen
Ken Trayer
Jim Bennett
Dale Gamber
Bob Redcay
Susie Wort
Barbara Hayward
Jansen Herr
Daniel Beiler Jr.
Ernest Schreiber
Kevin Engle
John Newkirk

Public Comment (non agenda items)

Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of the Minutes of the Monday, Monday, January 6, 2020 Regular Meeting
- b. Approval to pay invoices from all funds: Total \$373,349.18

Chairman Meyers presented the bills to be paid from various funds for the total amount of \$373,349.18. He mentioned the large payment amount to \$10,613.82 to Eastern Salt for road salt, \$9,542.58 to PADOT for Payment #3 re ADA curb ramps along Lincoln Highway East and \$17,022.60 to CDW Government Inc. for required Microsoft upgrades.

Mr. Blowers made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Mr. Demme seconded the motion and it was passed by unanimous voice vote.

Old Business

- a. Greater Lancaster Heritage Pathway Presentation – Mr. Michael Domin, LCPC

Mr. Mike Domin of the Lancaster County Planning Commission was in attendance to provide a presentation regarding the Greater Lancaster Heritage Pathway (GLHP).

- ❖ He mentioned that this is not a new idea that it has been around for a number of years.
- ❖ Every trail project is unique, but well worth it.
- ❖ He said that the planned GLHP will be a 15 miles long on & off-road trail that runs from

the LGH Health campus through City then following the “Goat path” for 5 miles to Leola.

- ❖ Employment heat map shows 105,000 jobs within 1.5 miles of trail
- ❖ Not only recreational asset but also a commuter asset and allows for alternative transportation choices.
- ❖ GLHP starting at Western End- some short-term & long-term opportunities and alternatives. Starting at Noel Dorwart Park off Good Drive, connecting to Conestoga Crossings, connect with Walnut & Chestnut Streets within Lancaster City.
- ❖ City identified both east and west corridors.
- ❖ For bike corridors, the City has yet to determine what to do with the Chestnut Street design.
- ❖ Utilize Ranck Mill Road, out to Conestoga Pines Park out to Pitney Rd. to Oak Grove and to “Goat Path” Following existing PADOT right of way to Rt. 772 with connection to Maple Rd. in Leola.
- ❖ Number of trail heads proposed along trail overall.
- ❖ Trail Surface- most popular was 10’ wide asphalt trail with 6” crushed stone pedestrian trail separated to allow for commuters to use asphalt portion. Buggy’s & equestrian use could be looked at in the future.

Questions/Answers

Mr. Warren Wasiewski of Waterford Drive asked about the timing of the project?

Mr. Domin indicated that it is a complicated project that will likely be completed in sections over time depending upon municipal priorities. Regarding the “Goat Path” section, the 1st mile would be done in coordination with the roadway, resulting in savings and speed to build.

Mr. Wasiewski also asked about maintenance of the path?

Mr. Domin indicated that Upper Leacock Township has expressed concern with taking on the section within their Township. Lancaster City, East Hempfield Township & Manheim Township are expected to take on their own portions of the trail.

Chairman Meyer asked about winter maintenance of the path.

Mr. Domin suggested that all of the municipalities would need to get together to determine what level of winter maintenance would be provided and who would provide it. He also indicated that he would expect that once the path is built events are likely to occur and that the handling of these events would also have to be figured out.

Ms. Mary Best asked about police issues around the cloverleaf?

Mr. Hutchison said that it is a complicated area due to the municipal boundaries in that area. He said that generally north of Rt. 30 and east of the Conestoga River is within East Lampeter Township. Mr. Domin indicated that trails usually have the affect of driving away police issues because of the amount of activity on the path.

Mr. Walter Berko asked if there was a guarantee that PennDOT will not continue the road on the existing right of way and how leases of the right of way would be addressed.

Mr. Domin stated that there is no money, no plans at county and no discussion regarding the continuation of a road on the remaining right of way. He also indicated that most of PADOT's spending is devoted to maintenance of the existing highway system. He went on to say that to his knowledge there is only one existing lease for the radio control aircraft club.

Mr. Wasiewski asked if the Board was in support of the trail?

Chairman Meyer said that he was in support and felt that it is an opportunity to provide a healthy way to get people off the road.

Vice Chairman Blowers indicated that he has been talking with neighbors for five or more years about this concept and that it is coming into a firmer perspective with Walnut Street Extension.

b. Walnut Street Extension Presentation – High Associates

Mr. Tony Sietz of High Associates was in attendance to make a presentation on the Walnut Street Extension project. He stated that High Associates began looking at Greenfield Road and looking at all issues and potential development in the area, not just within Corporate Center. To increase capacity on Greenfield Road; they would need to widen Greenfield Road with major right of way acquisition on both sides. He also noted that a number of intersections would be impacted along with a number of utilities that would need to be relocated with appropriate stormwater management controls. Additionally he said that the bridge over Rt. 30 would need to be widened and that the necessary construction traffic controls would impact all of the motorists using Greenfield Road.

He described the Walnut Street extension as a 1.1 mile road with one lane in each direction with a center median. He said that there would be a "Round-a-bout" at the end of the extension to connect with Ben Franklin Boulevard in order to provide a connection to Greenfield Road. He said that this section of Ben Franklin Boulevard would be about 1,000 feet long.

Mr. Sietz also said that there is no plan, no desire, no intent, no funding or other resources available to continue Walnut Street beyond this planned extension. He went on to indicate that this proposal is a strategic initiative and is not compatible with any prior road proposal. He also said that the design will provide a robust solution for traffic conditions for many years as it will alleviate congestion on Greenfield Road, at Rt. 30 and the Greenfield Road interchange, reduce traffic on Rt. 30 between Greenfield Road and Walnut Street and will continue to focus growth and development within the adopted Urban Growth area.

Mr. Eric Mountz of TPD consultants continued with the presentation regarding the extension of Walnut Street. He indicated that he has been working for over a year with alternative analyses for this corridor and looking at morning and evening commuter peaks. He said that there are

significant costs & risks with widening Greenfield Rd. and so a second alternative was developed which is the Walnut St. extension beginning on Southern end at cloverleaf at Rt. 30 with a two lane roadway as a boulevard design with one lane in each direction through the entire limits of the project including a bridge over Millcross Road which would be required in order to carry vehicular traffic and the trail.

He said that the northern limits of the project are at intersection with Ben Franklin Blvd. where a round a bout acts as terminus for Walnut Street. He stated that Ben Franklin Blvd would be 2 lanes with median and at one-point center turn lane. He said that both ramps at Rt. 30 would be signalized. He also stated that a potential trailhead at Oak Grove Road would be considered and that the trail would cross over bridge over Millcross Road.

He further indicated that a potential trailhead would be considered behind the PA College Health Sciences and that the design speed for Walnut Street would be 35 mph. He said that he expects that both sides of roadway are being contemplated for buggy traffic. He said that there would be adequate separation between the roadway & trail and that there would be no intersections or curb cuts providing access to Walnut Street. It will be a limited access roadway.

He also said that this project is highly deliverable because no utility relocations or right of way acquisitions will be required and there would be little to no impact on businesses or residents using area roadways during construction. He also indicated that he believes that it can be constructed within one construction season.

At the conclusion of Mr. Mountz's presentation, a comment and question / answer period was opened by the Board.

Ms. Mandy Lynam said that she loves the round a bout and the trail but wanted to know if Costco can be accessed from the road. Mr. Mountz said that the road is to be limited access with no intersections between the Rt. 30 interchange and Ben Franklin Boulevard.

Ms. Lynam also asked if High is planning to expand. Mr. Mountz said that the road expansion has considered additional development activity planned by High as well as other future demands. He said that the design will be coordinated with the Township and that the goal is to address existing traffic issues as well.

Mr. Wasiewski asked about road noise and if sound abatement would be included in the project. Mr. Mountz said that he expects natural features to help with noise in the southern section of the extension along with vegetative screening as the road gets closer to the bridge over Millcross.

Mr. Bob Redcay expressed his concern with noise as vehicles cross the proposed bridge.

Mr. Barry Killian asked Mr. Mountz if any other roads have been designed without sound barriers along residential areas. Mr. Mountz said that noise will be evaluated as a part of the design process and that the distance from the existing residences will be taken into account as a part of that process.

Mr. Killian also asked if any other trails go through residential areas. Mr. Domin said that almost every trail in the county goes through a residential area. He went on to say that part of the challenge with the GLHP is getting under Rt. 30.

Mr. Bill Best asked how it was concluded that 500 – 600 vehicles would be diverted from Greenfield Road with the construction of the Walnut Street extension. He also commented that with the opening of the Eden Road bridge there would be some traffic relief on Greenfield Road. Mr. Mountz indicated that the traffic study used blue tooth information to determine traffic patterns and what roads would be utilized once the improvement is made.

Mr. Best then asked when the data for the study was gathered. Mr. Mountz said that the study was done in February of 2018 and that future growth was considered within the urban growth area.

Mr. Chris Kennel indicated that he sees the extension of Walnut street as a great advantage and is hoping that there will also be a traffic signal at the intersection of Ben Franklin Boulevard and Greenfield Road. He also said that since Willow Road is a 40 MPH speed limit road with a bridge over the goat path that sound will not be problem. He also felt that having trucks on the new road will be a good thing.

Mr. Dan McCuen expressed his feeling that overall this is a good project and wants to be sure that there is enough thought regarding future needs when determining the scope of the design. He also said that the round a bout should be made large enough to accommodate trucks and that buggies should be incorporated into the trail design so that access can be provided to Costco. Mr. Mountz said that the design will accommodate all vehicle types but that access will not be provided between Rt. 30 and Ben Franklin Blvd. He also said that access could be looked at from the trail in the future but not as a part of this project.

Mr. Mike Thornton asked if there would be impacts to traffic along Horseshoe Road in the area of the high school. Mr. Mountz indicated that there would be some regional diversion for those currently using Horseshoe Road to get to Old Philadelphia Pike.

Chairman Meyer suggested that everyone should continue to follow information about this project as the design effort continues.

c. Actuarial Assumptions for 1/1/19 Valuation

Mr. Hutchison stated that the board began discussing these issues last year. Every two years the actuary has to prepare a valuation of the pension plans. The valuation is done as of January 1 of each odd number year and it has to be completed by March of this year for 2019. The Actuary has to use certain assumptions to do the calculations to determine what the cost of the plan are and how well funded the plan is at that time. Guidance from the Board is needed regarding the assumptions for the mortality table, assumed rate of return on investments and the deferred retirement option plan (DROP) benefit for police officers. After discussion among the Board members, Mr. Demme made a motion to use the PUB 2010 mortality table with the latest

mortality scale, maintain the assumed rate of investment return at 7% and not to include calculations for the DROP benefit until the 1/1/21 valuation. Mr. Blowers seconded the motion which was then passes by unanimous voice vote.

New Business

None

Action Items:

a. Engineering Services re: Campus Improvements Plan Preparation

Mr. Hutchison stated that the 2020 budget included funding to do the necessary plan preparation for campus improvements. It is recommended that the Board approve the proposal from Harbor Engineering.

Mr. Blowers made a motion to approve the proposal from Harbor Engineering for Engineering Services re: Campus Improvements Plan Preparations. Mr. Buckwalter seconded the motion and it was passed by unanimous voice vote.

b. 2020 Fire Services Activity List for Worker's Comp purposes

Mr. Hutchison stated that every year the township must approve of a list of activities so that the Township volunteer firefighters can be properly covered for Worker's compensation purposes. The provided list is the same as the approved list from 2019.

Mr. Blowers made a motion to approve the 2020 Fire Services Activity list for Worker's Comp. purposes. Mr. Demme seconded the motion and it was passed by unanimous voice vote.

Manager's Report:

a. Lincoln Highway East Streetscape Plan Implementation Report

Mr. Hutchison mention that the Township is continuing its efforts to implement generally outlined on the implementation plan. The items that are still underway at this point are:

- ❖ Rockvale Trail Project
- ❖ Phase 3 – east of Dutch Wonderland/Tanger intersection)
- ❖ Western Gateway (Oakview Road to Strasburg Pike
- ❖ Intersection of Lincoln Highway East and Rt. 896
- ❖ Multi Modal Trail from Strasburg Pike to S. Oakview Rd.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Demme and seconded by Mr. Blowers to adjourn the meeting. The motion was passed by unanimous voice vote. The next regularly scheduled meeting is to be held on Monday, February 10, 2020 beginning at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Ralph Hutchison
Township Manager