

**July 21, 2011**

**VILLAGE OF LINGLESTOWN COMMITTEE MEETING**

Attended and reported by Watson Fisher

Representatives from the design engineering company and the contractor were present to give the committee updates on the Linglestown Road construction project and to answer questions. The final major construction items will be started the week of July 25 with the milling process on the streets to prepare them for the laying of the final wearing course. Driving restrictions will be in place during that time. The paving should be done by the second week in August weather permitting. It was noted that the final paving would not be done on days of excessive heat. A number of questions and concerns were raised as the project comes to a close. Some will be addressed during PennDOT's final inspection and others will be investigated before that.

At some of the handicapped ramps the curbs protrude above the ramps causing a potential tripping hazard particularly at night and following a snow event when they cannot be seen. It was stated that the ramps meet ADA requirements. However the committee will send a letter to PennDOT to be on record that they tried to address the possible liability problem without success.

The street lights the committee chose had shields which would direct the light down. The lights installed have no shields, which wastes energy and creates a problem for the second-floor bedrooms in houses along the street. PP&L will provide shields if they are paid for them. The committee asked the engineer and contractor to investigate how the problem arose and what can be done about it.

The contractor will be installing benches and trash cans around the square and erecting the new flagpole and planting grass in the roundabout. They will also reinstall the monument and stone at the base of the flagpole. The flags for the square will be supplied by the American Legion and the fire company. Any other plantings will be supplied and maintained by one or more of the local civic groups. It was noted that after the construction is finished property owners will be responsible for cutting the grass between their properties and the street. The township will be responsible for emptying the new trash cans along the street.

The proprietor of Lio's Pizza reported that his problem with stormwater on his property and in his basement that had begun at the beginning of the project had never been addressed. He was told that rain water that was discharged onto the street can no longer be handled that way. It was noted that the same problem now exists with a number of other properties on the north side of the road. The open question which needs to be addressed is where can the water go if not into the street and then into the storm drains.

PennDOT has placed signs on the roads indicating the limit of the sizes of trucks that are allowed to come through town. It was agreed that the signs are not effective since they are too small and are at locations where even if seen it is too late for drivers to turn around.

There will be a formal ribbon cutting ceremony at the completion of the project to be attended by state and local officials. The date for this has not been set. A representative from the merchants' association reported that they will be having their Fall Festival in October which will include an Antique Road Show type event, several walking tours and other activities celebrating the end of the community improvement project.

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