

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
April 20, 2021**

The meeting of the Public Works Committee was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Barry Christman. Present in addition to Mr. Christman was Frank Deery. Committee members Gene Gabel and Keith Endy were absent.

Also present were Council member Lori Carnes; Marianne Deery, Mayor; Patricia Loder, Borough Manager; Bruce Hansley, Street Supervisor; Ralph Schoenly, Inframark; and an interested citizen.

Mr. Christman called for public comment on the agenda; no comments were forthcoming.

A motion to approve the minutes of the March 23, 2021 meeting of the committee was made by Mr. Christman, second by Mr. Deery, and approved.

Mr. Christman recognized Mr. Bill Sheeler, of Seniors and Sprouts, who addressed the committee concerning assistance with weed removal in the public right of way of East Philadelphia Avenue and Reading Avenue. Mr. Sheeler's group provided this service in 2020 and it was well received and appreciated. The group uses a non-chemical mixture to kill the weeds. Mr. Sheeler requested a donation of \$350 to defray costs associated with the project. It was noted that the donation in 2020 toward the cost of this project was made to Building a Boyertown because the Borough Code dictates the types of organizations that a Borough is permitted to make donations to. The committee agreed to list this on the agenda of the May 3 meeting of Borough Council. Mrs. Loder will confirm that Building a Better Boyertown is in agreement with acceptance of the donation and assisting with the project.

Street Supervisor Report

Mr. Hansley reviewed the monthly report of the activities of the street department.

Unfinished Business

MS4 General Permit – Mrs. Loder advised the committee that SSM has submitted the Pollution Reduction Plan to the DEP for their review and approval. The DEP has provided a response to the revised PRP requesting a revision to the BMP calculation table, which they believe contains a minor error. They also noted that specific operation and maintenance activities and frequencies were not provided in the PRP. SSM is revising the PRP in accordance with the DEP comments.

Street Reconstruction Project 2021 – Mrs. Loder noted that a pre-construction meeting has not yet been scheduled.

New Business

Basketball Court Paving – Mrs. Loder advised the Committee that the low quote was submitted by Crable Paving and Excavating in the amount of \$16,680. The project includes the courts at the Community Park and Franklin Street Mini Park. This will be listed on the agenda of the May 3rd meeting of Council.

Public Comments

There being no further business to conduct a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. was made by Mr. Christman and seconded by Mr. Deery. The next meeting of the Public Works Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, May 25, 2021 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Loder
Borough Manager