



CHESTER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, September 7th, 2021 at 5:30 PM

R. Carlisle Roddey Chester County Government Complex

1476 J A Cochran Bypass, Council Chambers

Minutes

Present: Interim Chairman Dr. Wylie Frederick, Vice Chairman Joe Branham, Councilman Brad Jordan, Councilman Mike Vaughn, Councilman Pete Wilson, Clerk to Council Karen Lee and County Attorney Joanie Winters. Councilman Pete Wilson arrived at 5:32pm and Councilman William Killian arrived at 5:35pm.

1. Call to Order

2. Approval of minutes

- a. **July 6th, 2021 CCTC Minutes.** Vice Chairman Branham motioned to approve, second by Councilman Vaughn. Vote was 4-0 to approve.

3. Old Business

- a. **Update on Baseball Alley- Public Works Director Robert Hall.**

Mr. Hall stated Council was aware of the issue at Baseball Alley, he had reached out to the Dennis Corporation to ask for a change order. He recommended Council spend \$23,500 dollars to add the four parking spaces and correct the drainage that was in the budget. Councilwoman Guy motioned to approve, second by Vice Chairman Branham. Vote was 4-0 to approve. Councilman Wilson and Killian abstained.

- b. **Update regarding Pedestrian Crossing Agreement at Railroad at Pizza Hut. – Attorney Winters**

Attorney Winters stated she had reached out to the railroad, and they were not willing to change the agreement. She was told and she quoted “railroads have never found a crossing they’re happy with.” She stated she was told by them something always happens, even when crossing in a wheelchair could hit the rail of the train and tip over and get injured. They will not relinquish any of the liability that was in the agreement that’s placed back on the county. That also includes any repair to the crossing and negligence that happens the county is responsible. She recommended the County not sign the agreement since it would put all the liability back on them. She stated Matt Gedney recommended putting up signs stating something like “ends county’s maintenance.”

Councilman Wilson suggested putting up barricades and signage for now, he stated things could change with maybe possible developments coming and there would be a reason to cross the track, but for now putting the barricades up is an easy way out. He motioned to put up barricades and signage, second by Vice Chairman Branham. Vote 6-0 to approve.

4. New Business

- a. **CTC to choose and approve the 2022 Road Paving List from each district.**

Council chose Golden Maple, Old Pavilion, Appaloosa Ridge, Poverty Hollow, Barber Creek and Thomas Davis. Councilman Vaughn motioned to approve, second by Councilman Killian. Vote 6-0 to approve.

b. Discussion regarding Georgetown Road.- Attorney Winters.

Attorney Winters stated this road had been discussed before, the road is a state road and ends at the pavement. She asked Bill Coleman to go out to see what could be done. The Trotters cannot access their property because of the way it is set up, the road ends and no one claims ownership. At one time through the research done by Mr. Coleman recently, the school board had asked if the County could throw some gravel down so the bus could turn around. In 2017 the property owner had stated they did not want the bus to turn around on their property and asked for the County to stop putting gravel down so the practice was discontinued. It is referred to on an SCDOT map where the road ends. It's shown as an unpaved county road, but we couldn't find any evidence that it is a county road. And so, I think that it begs the question, does the county take this road on to adopt it, and put into our system?

Mr. Coleman stated there was a gate about 200 yards to the end of the pavement which is at the end of DOT then around 100 feet where you could tell a bus used it to turnaround. He stated at one time through his research he found the guy who owned it told the county he didn't want them on it anymore. He didn't want no one on it.

Attorney Winters stated at one point in time there was a roadwork request made by a gentleman who lives on the road that the owners of the property would need to call in and request the county take over maintenance of the turnaround and to set up easement through the county attorney which has not been done. That part of the road has probably been maintained for the last twenty years. She asked Mr. Coleman what he suggested doing.

Mr. Coleman stated throwing a couple loads of rock from the end of the road to the gate, once the county does that that section becomes the counties. Councilman Wilson motioned to maintain to the gate, second by Councilman Vaughn. Vote 6-0 to approve.

c. CTC to consider approval of surface prep and painting Exit 65 Bridge. Gateway Steering Committee voted 9-0 to approve.

Sylvia Jennings, Chair of the gateway steering committee stated the bridge had not been maintained and would like approval to have exit 65 cleaned, painted and have sidewalks installed. Councilman Wilson stated he did not doubt the need but felt the money could come from grants instead of C-fund money.

Vice Chairman Branham said, if possible, the projects could be combined when seeking grants. Council decided to add this back to next regular transportation meeting to see if grants could be found.

d. Request to reimburse the Recycling Department for sign material from May 2021 to August 2021 in the amount of \$ 3422.03. Councilwoman Guy motioned to approve, second by Vice Chairman Branham. Vote 6-0 to approve.

e. Request to reimburse the Road Department for road maintenance from July 6, 2021 to August 12, 2021 in the amount of \$ 19,652.96. Councilman Vaughn motioned to approve, second by Councilman Wilson. Vote 6-0 to approve.

5. Adjourn-Vice Chairman Branham motioned to adjourn, second by Councilman Jordan. Vote 6-0 to adjourn.

Time: 6:20 pm