



TOWNSHIP OF SPRING

BERKS COUNTY, PA
2850 WINDMILL ROAD
SINKING SPRING, PA 19608
Tel. (610) 678-5393
Fax. (610) 678-4571
www.springtwpberks.org

Township of Spring Infrastructure Committee Meeting Minutes – March 19, 2024

Paul Darrah called the regularly scheduled public meeting of the Township of Spring Infrastructure Committee to order at 8:35 a.m. on Tuesday, March 19th, 2024, in the Township of Spring Administration Building, located at 2850 Windmill Road, Spring Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania. The following committee members were present: Paul Darrah and Alan Kreider. Mike Kocher attended via teleconference. Also in attendance were Jim Moll, Jason Reichert, Mary L. Rossi, Jen Bensinger, Dan Becker, Esquire, and Matt Boggs, Entech Engineering.

AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA – None

MINUTES:

The Committee moved the approval of the February 20th, 2024, minutes to the next meeting.

OPEN TO THE FLOOR: No public comment.

ENTECH ENGINEERING REPORT:

a) Wyomissing Interceptor Project

Mr. Boggs stated that construction is set to start in mid-April. He said that per the grant that the Township received for the project, a sign thanking all the elected officials who provided the grant money for this project is required.

b) West Lawn Interceptor

McCarthy Engineering is designing the West Lawn Interceptor on behalf of Wyomissing Borough.

c) Active Developments

Mr. Boggs recently reviewed the plans for Beacon Avenue. He said his comments are minor and that Entech will provide the applicant with revised details. Mr. Moll reviewed the history related to the area.

Mr. Boggs stated he received drawings to review for a new phase, Section 5, for Grings Hill Estates. The drawings indicate a cul-de-sac with six or seven homes to a sewer that extends to the Shillington Interceptor line.

d) Grant Projects

1) Sludge Press-Mr. Boggs stated Entech is moving forward, going through Co-Stars to obtain the sludge press before bidding.

ENTECH ENGINEERING REPORT: (Continued)

d) Grant Projects *(Continued)*

2) Sewer Main Replacement—This project involves replacing sewer mains in sections of the Township, and Entech is obtaining additional surveys before it goes out to bid. C2C Design Group is the Design Engineer for the project.

Mr. Darrah stated that the grant received for the sludge press was approximately \$490,000.00. He recommends purchasing the press now, as since the project was started, the price of the press has increased twice, and there is a twenty-six-lead time to get it; Mr. Darrah said that he would request approval from the Board for the purchase. Mr. Boggs stated that the grant did have a Township match of 15%. (The grant does not include installation).

e) Concordia Group- The Committee discussed the project that is going on Paper Mill Road and Broadcasting Road. Mr. Boggs stated that Entech has been trying to nail down how much flow the Concordia Group will need. Mr. Boggs indicated that the Township should be represented at the meeting that the Concordia Group and the City of Reading are having this week. Mr. Reichert said the data he has shown that Concordia Group is forecasting using 870 EDUs; based on the City's 262.5 per gallon per EDU, it would be translated to 228,375 gallons per day. The Committee discussed and confirmed that the Township gallons per EDU is 237 gallons per day.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR/WWTP SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Darrah reported that the Department is preparing to start repairing catch basins before paving. Schlouch Incorporated will be starting construction of the new wall at the swale in an attempt to stop the flooding into the sewer plant. Staff is doing GIS work for the West Lawn project to redo the sewer lines.

Streets & Stormwater: Mr. Moll said that the Township was contacted again by the property owner of 2900 Merritt Parkway. The resident's home is right where the paved drainage channel passes beneath Merritt Parkway, and he experiences water buildup on his property. The Committee reviewed the location and surrounding areas and had a lengthy discussion on the issue.

Mr. Reichert indicated that the resident on 803 Evergreen Drive has regularly communicated with him about her property. The property is adjacent to Drexelwood Park, and there have been drainage issues there, with water flowing across some of the properties. Mr. Moll said that GVC has completed preparing Topographic Maps for staff to review to determine if the issue may be addressed. Mr. Kreider noted that he has discovered that a large number of homes in that area have sump pumps connected to the sewer.

OLD BUSINESS – Mr. Reichert confirmed for Mr. Kreider that he was contacted for an update by the Metropolitan Group about their speed bump request. Mr. Moll indicated that the Engineering Department, Police Department, and the Fire Department met to review the request. Mr. Moll reiterated that the road is meant to take traffic off of neighboring streets, not deter traffic. Mr. Becker stated since the Metropolitan Group made a formal request, the Township needs to respond with an official decision. The Committee discussed the project area.

OLD BUSINESS – *(Continued)*

Mr. Moll noted that staff will review questions that came up and come back to the Committee with a recommendation for speed bumps and the crosswalk issue.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, April 2nd, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT: *There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Darrah adjourned the meeting at 9:35a.m.*

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary L Rossi".

Mary L Rossi

Township Secretary