

**LOWER PAXTON TOWNSHIP
VILLAGE OF LINGLESTOWN COMMITTEE**

A regular meeting of the Village of Linglestown Committee was held on Thursday, May 20, 2010, at the Linglestown Fire House Building, 5901 Linglestown Road, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Members In Attendance

Eric Kessler
Stuart Knade
Bill Twilley
Paul Rowe
John Kepler
Jerry Miller

Also in Attendance

Jeff Case, Arora and Associates
George Wolfe, Lower Paxton Twp. Manager
Sharen Brown, Leon E. Wintermyer, Inc.
William C. Seeds, Sr., Board of Supervisors, LPT
Mike Carl - Resident
Watson Fisher, SWAN
William Weaver, Authority Director, LPT
Pam & Geof Smith
Bill and Kim Paterekas
Brian Minito
Tammie Mauck
Steve Hummelbaugh
Jeff Phillips
John Zimmerman
Susan Seeds
Brian Puhala

Call to Order

Mr. Kessler called the meeting to order at 8:10 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Kessler led in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Proposed sewer replacement for Raspberry Alley

Mr. William Weaver, Authority Director for Lower Paxton Township, held a meeting with the property owners abutting Raspberry Alley prior to the start of this meeting to discuss the sewer replacement project.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Kessler questioned if anyone has corrections or comments regarding the April 15, 2010 Committee meeting minutes. Mr. Rowe made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Miller seconded the motion, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Committee Member Comments

No comments were presented.

Public Comment

Mr. Kessler explained that the contractor, Leon Wintermyer, has tried to leave entrances for the businesses, but at the same time the contractor is attempting to get the job done as quickly as possible. Ms. Sharon Smith, St. Thomas Roasters, stated if the construction work would take two weeks of revenue from her business, it would be a lot of money. She noted that some small businesses may not be able to survive such an extended downtime. She noted that the businesses need the mounds of stone in front of their business to provide access for as long as possible and suggested that the contractor work on smaller sections at a time. She questioned why the entire roadway had to be torn up at one time. She noted that she wants access to her business from the front and the rear. She suggested that the contractor should be able to notify her exactly when they would be working in front of her business and for how long they would cut off the front access to her business. She noted that using only the rear access to her business for a day or two would be doable and suggested that the contractor should do the work in smaller sections.

Mr. Clancy noted that he is present on behalf of the business, Frame It, in St. Thomas located on the north side of Linglestown Road. He noted that although his business is located on the northern side of the road, it is impacted by the new traffic pattern, and it is important for all businesses to keep their front and rear accesses to their businesses for as long as possible.

Mr. Kessler noted that part of the group wants the project to move faster, but on the other hand, the businesses still need access to their businesses. He stated that he understands this very well. Ms. Smith noted that she needs both accesses to her business for as long as possible. She noted that it would be very good for the contractor to keep in contact with all the businesses to notify them of when the roadway in front of their business would be closed.

Mr. Paterekas questioned who was present from PENNDOT or Leon Wintermyer, Inc. at the meeting. He explained that he wanted to ensure that someone from Wintermyer's was present to hear his comment. Ms. Brown noted that PENNDOT would not be in attendance at the meeting since they are not the contractor. She noted that her company is performing the work and she must work with the businesses during the project.

Mr. Paterekas explained that he is the operator of the Eagle Hotel, located at the corner of Linglestown and Mountain Roads. He noted that the contractor broke up the street on Linglestown Road and he was promised access to his parking lot. He noted that the mound that was provided for his business is not drivable. He noted that it took four days for the contractor to provide him with a drivable access to his business. He noted that his customers told him that they would not drive over the mound that was previously supplied to him. He stated that for the past four days, he looked for someone to fix the entrance to his business, and finally, today, they dumped a couple loads of stone to fill the access to his driveway. Ms. Brown explained, per the contract, she is required to provide one access, either to the front, side, or whatever. She noted that Mr. Paterekas has a side access off of Linglestown Road. Mr. Kessler questioned if he got the help he needed today. Mr. Paterekas stated that he did.

Ms. Brown explained that she has instructed her field people to accommodate the merchants. She noted that the economy is in a recession and she is quite aware of that, noting that her company has been impacted as much as the businesses, so she understands where they are coming from. She explained that Wintermyer is struggling to get work and to get it done. She noted that sales are at the all-time low and it is the worst work experience since the depression.

She noted that people do not know how to survive for themselves. She explained that the Village is experiencing a crisis, and the contractor is trying to do the construction work and also provide access for all the merchants. She noted that it is a disaster trying to drive through town, noting that it is very hard to drive east. She stated that she is not sure how Mr. Paterekas' access was overlooked, but she provided him with her card and told him to call her if an issue occurs. He stated that he would not hesitate to call her.

Ms. Brown explained that she has three crews working the project and they have their hands full trying to get the work done. She noted that drivers are not paying attention to the detour signs and it is very hard for her crews to work in this situation. Mrs. Paterekas noted that many people do not understand where they are to go. She suggested that it is not a case of people being irresponsible. Ms. Brown noted that she was standing right in front of a "Do Not Enter" sign and a lady drove around it. Ms. Paterekas noted that it is not typical for most people driving in the town, as many drivers have a hard time trying to determine where to go. She suggested that the people are not purposefully trying to ignore the signs. Ms. Brown noted that she has put up barricades and people take them down. Ms. Paterekas questioned who these people are. Ms. Brown answered that they are citizens of the town. Mr. Twilley noted that local people continually drive through the fire house parking lot, go around the barricades, move the cones, and move the barricades. Ms. Paterekas noted that she does not do that and to say that everybody is doing that is not right. Mr. Twilley invited Ms. Paterekas to come down to the firehouse parking lot for a half an hour and she would see who is doing it. He noted that the drivers range from teenagers to grandmothers.

Ms. Paterekas questioned Ms. Brown if she is only going to keep one entrance to her business open. Ms. Brown answered, contractually, she is only obligated to keep one entrance open, but she will try to maintain two for the benefit of the community. Ms. Paterekas stated that she would really appreciate that. Mr. Kessler noted that Ms. Brown would provide the Paterekas' with her card and they could meet one-on-one. He noted that Ms. Brown is very receptive and willing to work with people.

Ms. Brown noted that she would like to show those present how she proposed to work the project through the town. She noted by explaining her course of action, it would show how she would like to accelerate the schedule to get through the area, and still provide the majority of the merchants an access to their businesses. She noted that the customers may have to work around the construction equipment when it is located at their station.

Mr. Kessler noted that the key to the project is good communication. Mr. Paterekas suggested that it has been lacking.

Project Update

Leon Wintermyer - Contractor

Ms. Brown noted that there is a need for additional signage and she would bring this up with Mr. Case, noting that there is a need for clarification of where vehicles are to drive. Mr. Kessler noted that vehicles drive eastbound on Blackberry Alley and cut through the farmlands to get back on Route 39. He noted that drivers are driving their vehicles through resident's backyards. He noted that it is crazy to have to install a "No through Traffic" sign in people's backyards. He suggested that the best way to handle the project is to get the job done as fast as possible with minimal impact to the

merchants. He noted that the end result is that the businesses will thrive. Ms. Smith noted that it true as long as they are able to survive the construction period. Ms. Paterekas noted that many people don't want the aggravation of traveling to these businesses with all the roadblocks, and will choose to visit the competition since it is easier to get there.

Mr. Kessler suggested that it would be good to display large banners that state that the businesses are open.

Mr. Knade noted that he has traveled the Village from all directions to experience what the average motorist is dealing with, and he found that the Linglestown Merchant's Association (LMA) has installed new signs. He suggested that each merchant should drive the area to view the access for their businesses. He noted that driving eastbound on Linglestown Road, the last sign you see is turn right ahead for Linglestown businesses and it is not clear if they are to make the immediate right or the next right, and after that there is no more signage to direct the customers how to get back to the businesses. Mr. Clancy noted that the LMA has worked with the Township to determine a way to get appropriate and effective signs to direct people to their businesses. He noted that he is putting some ideas together to tweak the plan and rather than take the Village of Linglestown Committee's time, he will pass the comments and ideas along to the Township. He noted that he has every expectation that the Township will continue to be as helpful as they have been. Mr. Knade noted that he is very glad to hear that. He suggested that the LMA is not there yet in directing the motoring public to their businesses.

Mr. Rowe noted that the pastor for the Linglestown Life United Methodist Church has a large announcement on the bulletin board, with maps showing people how to get to the various businesses and asking the church members to support the businesses during the construction time period. He suggested that the other churches could also do the same thing. Mr. Kessler noted that the key to everything is good communication.

Mr. Knade noted that a vehicle is not permitted to make left at Linglestown and Mountain Roads, and that there is no warning for this prior to the intersection. He noted that a vehicle must make a right turn with no opportunity to turn around. He suggested that a warning should be placed prior to the intersection to allow vehicles to turn around before they are trapped in the intersection. He noted that side access does not help the Eagle Hotel on Mountain Road if people can't get to it. He noted that they need the front access.

Mr. Geof Smith noted that Raspberry Lane as it abuts Mountain Road from the west only permits a left turn. He noted that the one-way lane restriction for Mountain Road starts at that location. He noted that it makes no sense as it directs the traffic back into the same direction that it has just come from. He noted that it is the only way out to turn right onto Mountain Road to take people away from the construction zone. Mr. Case explained that the reason the sign was put there is because in this stage of the construction Phase 2, there is a manhole in Mountain Road that needs to be replaced. He noted that some things are a little different now than they were since the decision has been made to install new sanitary sewer. He noted that when the manhole is replaced, you will not be able to make a right turn since the stop sign located at Mountain Road will be pushed back a little farther. He noted that the cars will be passing right in front of the vehicles coming from Raspberry Lane. Mr. Knade questioned if the restriction needs to be there right now. Mr. Case explained that when he designed the plan, he created a construction plan for the various phases. He noted that the contractor has the right to come up with their own construction staging that works best for them. He noted that the contract

mandated that the contractor must use the current PENNDOT construction phasing. He noted that he could not create a traffic control pattern for every single day of construction, and instead designed construction plans based upon the individual phases of construction. He questioned if the sign could be moved 10 feet on Thursday and put back on Friday. He answered yes, and the contractor can work with PENNDOT to make it happen.

Mr. Knade questioned the assumption that the contractor must do an entire phase at a time. He noted that maintaining business access will be a day-by-day issue. Mr. Case noted that there is no way he could come up with a set of design plans that would cover day-to-day operations. He noted that the plan set would be as tall as the building and the construction would cost \$100 million because the contractor would be so restrictive in what they could do. Mr. Knade noted that he is talking about contractor flexibility. Mr. Kessler suggested that the solution would be to move the signage ten feet until they start the manhole work. Ms. Brown noted that she wanted to expedite the job by taking out the entire eastbound lane of Route 39, to include the sidewalks down to sub grade, remove the old storm sewer in 800 foot sections; and still be able to accommodate the businesses. She noted that this would allow her to accelerate her schedule by at least six weeks to get the curb, paving, storm sewer and sidewalks completed. She noted that she would take another look at the traffic control, working with PENNDOT to provide more access. Mr. Kessler noted that this mainly affects the core area of businesses, and he explained if Ms. Brown tries to break the construction down into smaller sections, she will lose production time and then the project will take longer.

Mr. Brian Minito suggested that some of the access problem for Raspberry Alley could be resolved by using Amber Lane. He noted that the alley has many potholes and it is a one-way alley. Mr. Kessler noted that he tried to use one of the lanes and someone cut firewood and placed it across the roadway. Mr. Smith noted that it could be an alternate way to exit Raspberry Alley. Mr. Paterekas noted that the people who live on Amber Lane would not want the additional traffic since their lane is mud and has many potholes. Mr. Knade noted that Amber Lane ends at Larue Street. Mr. Twilley suggested that their might be a sight issue where Amber Lane comes out at Larue Street due to the barn located at that location.

Mr. Paterekas noted that he met with Representative Ronald Marsico at the Square the other day and explained all of his concerns and he was told that Representative Marsico would be contacting Leon Wintermyer, PENNDOT and the LMA to schedule a special meeting regarding the detour on Mountain Road. He noted that the date and time for this meeting will be published on the LMA website. He suggested that the meeting would be held next week. Mr. Kessler suggested that it could be addressed much quicker through the Village Committee and this meeting. Mr. Paterekas noted that Representative Marsico is bringing the contractor and PENNDOT together. He noted that there is an issue with the Police Department parking police cars on his property and throughout the Square and ticketing people for violations. He suggested that it would be better if the Police Department did not issue citations, but rather do better traffic control, be compassionate, and help the community navigate people through the town. He suggested that Magisterial Judge William Wenner will dismiss all those citations. He noted that the Police Department needs to be involved in the meeting, and he noted that someone will be present from the Police Department at the request of Representative Marsico. He explained that he would not allow the Police Department to park on his property to pull vehicles over; instead they should be helping to direct traffic. Ms. Smith agreed that it would make sense. She noted that she had a customer complain that the Police are enforcing the 25 mph speed limit for Country Club Drive and arresting the speeders. Mr. Smith explained that it is one of the local detours that

people are using. Mrs. Paterekas noted that it is one more reason for people not to come to Linglestown. Mr. Paterekas noted that no one wants to come to town having the Police Department breathing down your neck. He noted that he does not have a date and time for the meeting with Representative Marsico. Mr. Kessler requested Mr. Paterekas to notify Mrs. Heberle with the date and time of the meeting.

Mr. Jerry Miller noted that at some time, the contractor will have to remove the mounded driveway at the businesses, and he questioned if there would be advance notice to the merchants. Ms. Brown noted that she is putting a schedule together, and when the construction equipment is in front of the business, there would be no access, but the work would be done within a day or two days at the most. She noted that she should have the schedule on Monday and would provide it to Mrs. Heberle to post on the Township web page. She stated that she assumed that the merchants would be reviewing the schedule update for the Village of Linglestown. She noted, if she had known that there was no communication by way of the web page, she would have been more proactive with this. She explained that there is a traffic control update on the Township's webpage. She noted that she is trying to accommodate the merchants by providing a weekly update of construction work. She noted that Mr. Wintermyer is very adamant about serving the customers and she would provide better communications and access to updates.

Mr. Jerry Miller noted that many of his wife's customers do not understand the signs, such as the Route 39 E means eastbound, and he suggested that there should be more clarification in the signage. He noted that some people don't know the difference between east and west.

Jeff Case, Arora and Associates - Design Engineer

Mr. Case noted at the last meeting there was discussion concerning the trees and that the Shade Tree Commission (STC) was looking to make changes to the plan. He explained that the STC provided him with the type of trees that they would like to see in the project and they are currently marking a set of landscaping plans for where the trees should be located. He noted once this is done he would meet with Wintermyer to see if it could be incorporated into the project. Mr. Kessler explained that PENNDOT made changes to the plan that was submitted, and he met with the Shade Tree Commission to determine what trees would be best for the plan. He noted that a root barrier will also be installed around the trees to prevent the sidewalks from rising up.

Mr. Knade questioned if the project is on schedule. Ms. Brown answered that the project is ahead of schedule. She noted that Phase 2 was not to start until September 2010. She noted that she plans to start Phase 3 in July or August of 2010. She noted that the majority of the eastbound and westbound lane work will be done before winter in order to provide complete access for traffic. She noted that streetscaping and landscaping will be completed in the spring of 2011. She noted that she hopes to have all the curbing and sidewalks installed by winter. She noted that is why she is trying to push ahead to get the work done.

Mr. Mike Carl noted that he needs to discuss the issue of trees and how they will block the light from the vehicles that enters into his home. He noted that the road is four foot higher than it was before. He noted that he was told that the road would only be two to three feet higher than his property but now it is at least four feet higher. Mr. Case noted that he would look into the issue. Mr. Carl noted that he now has a very steep bank to mow. He explained that he met with one of the Board of

Supervisors and Wintermyer and was told that they would taper the bank to make it easier for him to mow. Ms. Brown noted that she would look into this.

Linglestown Merchants Association (LMA)

Mr. Jim Clancy explained that the merchants are trying to direct traffic to the businesses, and the owners of the First Impressions business bought yard signs, similar to political signs, and put them up for a special event they were having, and they found that they were very effective to direct customers to their businesses. However, someone from the Township removed the signs. He noted that the merchants are going to try to do signs using a detour theme and in the process work with the Township. Mr. Wolfe suggested that the merchants should call him when they are planning to do it. He noted that the merchants are trying to get good signage to draw their customers in.

Mr. Kessler suggested that it might be good to use a flag that reads "open" and place it outside the businesses to emphasize that they are open. He suggested that uniform flags throughout the Village would look good, but the Township must approve the use of the flags. He noted that the motoring public would see all the open signs in the Village and know that the stores are open. Ms. Brown noted that, as a citizen, it is very frustrating to identify which businesses are open during the construction period. Mr. Knade noted that it is important to have that message sent long before you enter the Village. He suggested for the traffic heading eastbound on Route 39, where the orange signs are located that state that Route 39 eastbound is closed ahead, there should be a sign to state that the Linglestown businesses are open, and to watch for additional signage. Mr. Clancy noted that the merchants want to speak to the Township about this as there is a question if it could be added to a PENNDOT sign. He noted that the Township explained that PENNDOT would not approve adding individual business signs, and it was very helpful in making business access signs. He noted that he has every expectation that the Township will help the merchants work through this issue.

Mr. Knade noted that there is a need for directional signage to help the customers get to their businesses. Mr. Kessler noted that he drives through the Village many times a day and it almost looks like a war zone. He noted that it is hard to tell who is open and who is closed. Mr. Clancy noted that that is one issue, and the second issue is getting the public over the idea that they need to stay away from Linglestown for the next two years.

Mr. Paterekas noted that this was one of the issues that Representative Marsico will speak to during the special meeting to be held next week. He noted that he was planning to bring the media in to have them interview certain merchants to provide a positive message that the businesses are open for service. He noted that the media basically told the people to stay away from the construction zone and this is a very negative message. Mr. Clancy noted that the media concentrated on the fact that the road would be closed for a long period of time, and the entire message was to stay away from Linglestown. He noted that Tina Robenolt approached a member of the media and asked them to spin a positive message, noting that all the businesses are still open and there are ways to get to them. Mr. Kessler noted that it is a survival issue. Mr. Clancy noted that survival is entirely possible if the merchants are aggressive in the right way to push the project through to get it done and have affective ways to allow the customers to access the business. He noted that it takes a lot of work.

Mr. Knade suggested that an event might help in this regard. Mr. Clancy noted that Ms. Robenolt is considering a pink construction hat party. He noted that Mr. Kessler has offered his farm for an event.

Mr. Kepler suggested that someone should talk to The Paxton Herald since they are so negative about the project. Mr. Kessler suggested that they may become more negative if approached.

Ms. Paterekas noted that everyone wants to support the small businesses, since it is the American Dream to have your own business, noting that she totally agreed with Mr. Clancy that it needs a positive spin. Mr. Kessler noted that the Committee spent so many meetings working on how to get it done and how it would impact the businesses and the residents. He noted that no one wants to put anyone out of business, but the Committee also wanted to make the town more beautiful. He noted that the Committee wants the input from the residents and merchants. Ms. Paterekas noted that the customers don't know how to get around the town. She noted that signage is extremely important but it is good to place it prior to the turn so that the driver does not drive past the turn off.

A questioned was asked as to where all the run off water is going from Linglestown Road. Mr. Kessler answered that it is going onto his property. Mr. Carl noted that the farm has always been wet. Mr. Kessler noted that now the entire field is wet. He noted that he farms hay in that area. Mr. Carl noted the area near the road was never farmed as it was always a low lying area. Mr. Kessler noted that he added fill and raised that area and then when the sewer work was done, he had a stream going down the middle of his field.

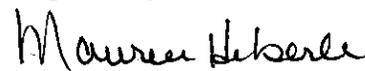
Raspberry Alley Update

Mr. Kessler noted that communication for all the entities for this project is very important. Mr. Clancy noted that when the alley improvement project was raised during a recent Board of Supervisors workshop meeting, there was extreme vocal opposition by one resident. He noted that Mr. Kessler met with the resident and it seems like all of those concerns have been addressed. Mr. Kessler explained that most of the opposition was a misunderstanding. Mr. Clancy thanked Mr. Kessler for his role in moving the Raspberry Alley project along.

Adjournment

Mr. Rowe made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Twilley seconded the motion, and the meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m. The next meeting will be held June 17, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,



Maureen Heberle
Recording Secretary