

**Streets and Roads Commission
Meeting Minutes
June 23, 2016**

Commission members in attendance: Councilman Ken Phebus; Jennifer Smith; Nick DiTizio.

Citizens: Ben Greenstein and Andrea Benedict

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m.

II. Administrative items

a. Notes from the Chairman -None

b. Departmental Report/Council Liaison Report

Presented by Councilman Phebus. The following items were discussed:

1. The Town has a new Police Chief, Doug Reitz.
2. Ridgeside Court, the private road between the Highs and McDonalds, has been repaired and repaved by the owner.
3. There is a water cap broken on Back Acre Circle near the Goddard School. Councilman Phebus will request the Town repair the water cap.
4. There have been complaints regarding noise generated when a vehicle drives over a manhole cover on Main Street in front of the Mount Airy Elementary School. Councilman Phebus will request the Town repair the manhole cover.
5. A proposal was presented to the Town Council for a bridge parking deck behind the buildings on Main Street, including Town Hall. The Downtown Parking Task Force presented the proposal.
6. Larry Hushour, Chairman of the Rails the Trail committee has requested participation from the Streets and Roads Commission on a committee to develop a request to the Maryland State Highway Administration for funding of a pedestrian crossing on MD Route 27 at Watkins Park.
7. The consultant performing the Route 27 Corridor Study presented preliminary findings at a public meeting held June 15, 2016. Information presented at the meeting can be found at the project website at: route27corridorstudy.com

c. Approval of prior minutes

No meeting summaries were reviewed.

III. Citizen Comments

Two homeowners of the Twin Ridge subdivision presented a request for a pedestrian crosswalk to be placed on Rising Ridge Road at the intersection of Rambling Sunset Circle. Ben Greenstein and Andrea Benedict indicated it was difficult for pedestrians to cross at this intersection and thought a crosswalk would provide the traveling public some warning to indicate pedestrians were crossing at this location. The Commission members discussed having advanced warning signs erected if the Town decides to paint the crosswalk. The Commission members also discussed requesting the Town perform a traffic count and speed study in the area.

IV. Old Business

a. Speed Control on Locksley Lane

There has been no further information regarding the previously erected speed control on Locksley Lane. A question was raised regarding any follow up from the Nottingham Community. None of the Commission members has heard any follow up.

b. No Parking Posted on Lookout Avenue and Center Street

The Town has installed two “no parking” signs along Lookout Avenue and Center Street. These signs were at the request of the Streets and Roads Commission on behalf of the Fire Company. However it appears the signs need to provide additional direction on the limits of the no parking zone and that additional signs need to be installed. In addition the no parking zone needs to be extended to 30 feet beyond the intersection in all directions. Councilman Phebus will request modifications be made by the Town staff.

V. New Business

a. Walmart Parking Lot Pavement Condition

The entrance to the Walmart parking lot from East Ridgeville Boulevard was discussed. The condition of the pavement in this area is poor. It was noted this parking lot is privately owned and maintained.

b. A question was raised regarding whether the Maryland State Highway Administration will replace the white painted crossing lines for the crosswalks on South Main Street that were recently paved with brick.

- c. A request was made to repaint the double yellow center line on South Main Street at the curve in the vicinity of Rising Ridge Road. It was noted that vehicles traveling South have been seen crossing the center line in this area. Councilman Phebus will discuss this request with the Town Engineer.
- d. The Commission discussed the difficulty with making a left turn from South Main Street onto Northbound MD 27. There are two through lanes of oncoming traffic from the exit ramp of I-70. The driver turning left from South Main can be confused by both lanes having the through designation. Councilman Phebus will discuss this issue with the Town Engineer.

VI. Adjournment

The next meeting will be held on August 25, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Jennifer M. Smith