

**Streets and Roads Commission
Meeting Minutes
August 25, 2016**

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

Citizens: Ben Greenstein

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m.

II. Administrative items

a. **Approval of Meeting Minutes:** The Commission members approved the meeting minutes for the June 23, 2016 meeting.

b. Departmental Report/Council Liaison Report

Presented by Councilman Phebus. The following items were discussed:

1. **MAPS:** An update on the Mount Airy Parking Study was provided. The project incorporates both short term as well as long term parking solutions. Short term solutions include potential additional parking along Center Street, Paradise Avenue and Prospect Road. In general, potential sites have been discussed with property owners and at least 4 potential sites look promising. The project team anticipates needing 65 additional parking spaces to accommodate existing business traffic. One goal of the project is to have a minimal impact on the existing businesses. A project team representative will be giving a presentation to the Economic Development Commission.
2. The Town has a new Police Chief, Doug Reitz. Chief Reitz is currently working on recruitment and getting the new Police Department established. Chief Reitz has been authorized to hire 10 full time officers.
3. Repair to the broken water cap broken on Back Acre Circle and the manhole cover on Main Street have been completed.
4. Councilman Phebus is participating in the task force to develop a request to the Maryland State Highway Administration for funding of a pedestrian crossing on MD Route 27 at Watkins Park. Private property acquisition and right-of-way acquisition is anticipated to be a big concern.

III. Citizen Comments

Mr. Greenstein once again presented his request for a pedestrian crosswalk to be placed on Rising Ridge Road at the intersection of Rambling Sunset Circle. The Commission members voted to recommend to the Town to install the requested cross walk along with advanced warning signs. In addition, Mr. Greenstein reiterated that a reflector is missing from the center of Rambling Sunset Circle in the vicinity of 509 and 511.

IV. Old Business

a. South Main and Route 27

The Commission again 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 has discussed this issue with the Town Engineer who will in turn discuss this issue with the SHA district traffic engineer.

b. South Main Street Curve and Striping

At the June 2016 meeting, 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.

c. No Parking Posted on Lookout Avenue and Center Street

Councilman Phebus has discussed with the Public Works Director revisions to the no parking signs installed along Lookout Avenue and Center Street.

V. New Business

- a. **Watkins Park, Rails to Trails Path and Vehicular Traffic.** The Commission was asked to discuss pedestrian crossing safety in Watkins Park at the Rails to Trails entrance. There is a concern regarding the speed of vehicles in the area and coming and going to St. Andrews Presbyterian Church. Tom Flemming will look into the issue further.
- b. **Sidewalk Improvements on North Main for Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Compliance.** The Commission voted to recommend to the Town that funds left over from sidewalk improvement projects on East Ridgeville Boulevard be used to upgrade sidewalks on North Main Street for ADA compatibility.

- c. Crosswalk on Prospect Road at Main Street. The Commission voted to recommend to Town staff to install a cross walk along Prospect Road at the intersection with Main Street.
- d. Bike Lanes on Town Roads. Councilman Phebus requested Commission members consider possible locations throughout Town where the installation of bike lanes might be warranted.

VI. Adjournment

The next meeting will be held on October 27, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Jennifer M. Smith