

Streets and Sanitary Affairs Committee
Meeting June 7, 2021
Minutes

The meeting of the committee was called to order by Chairperson Joe Deklinski at 8:30 am with the following members present: George Kahler and Joe Deklinski. Also, present was Debi Ealer, Borough Manager.

The first item of business was a proposal to designate as No Parking the south side of Echo Road from the intersection of West Foxcroft Drive to the borough line. Joe Deklinski explained this item was brought to his attention by Mayor Preble who indicated the difficulty vehicles encounter when cars and other equipment are parked on both sides of Echo Road in this area. Upon discussion the committee unanimously adopted a recommendation to borough council the south side of Echo Road from the intersection at West Foxcroft west to the borough line be designated as No Parking.

The next item of business involved removing two parking spaces along the 400 block of North Front Street when the borough street markings and parking spaces are repainted. Joe Deklinski explained that at the request of borough council he reviewed parking along the 500 block and the 400 block of North Front Street. The spaces in the 500 block are utilized frequently. The property owners with parking spaces in front of their respective properties – 422, 424, and 434, were contacted. The property owners at 424 and 434 indicated they did not have a direct need for the spaces and had no objection to their removal. The property owner at 422 indicated a need for this space to facilitate customers transacting business. The committee unanimously agreed to recommend the elimination of the parking spaces in front of 424 and 434 North Front Street.

The final item of business was the review of our engineers' recommendations of potential pedestrian safety improvements along South Front Street. The recommendations include:

1. Reducing the speed limit to at least 25 miles per hour
2. Repositioning the existing crosswalk signs as they are not properly located
3. Consider upgrading the signage to more visible flashing pedestrian crosswalk signs
4. Adding additional pavement markings including turn arrows
5. Removing the slack in the bollard chains to discourage people stepping over them into the street
5. Consider eliminating the mid- block crosswalk which is approximately 145 feet north of the intersection of South Front Street and Market Street. (between Dockside Willes and Tequila Wille's Restaurants.

Given the fact this area is state highway any improvements would need to be approved by PennDOT. The committee recommends staff be tasked with organizing a meeting with PennDOT, our engineer and appropriate borough officials to discuss the feasibility of these options.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 am.

Respectfully submitted

Joe Deklinski, Chairperson