

A public meeting was held in the Tyrone Borough Conference room on 9/23/10 at 10 AM to present information and answer questions the affected residents may have regarding the Washington Avenue Streetscape. The presentation was given by:

Kristen Swan and John Daily from PDOT

John Cornell and Pat Stoner from the Borough

Elizabeth Heggi and Kenneth Szala from P. Joseph Lehman Engineers

Pat opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and giving an overview of the project. She introduced the presentation panel and then turned it over to Ken.

Ken began by pointing out the extents of the project on a large plan sheet that was displayed on the wall. Then Ken handed out an overview of the project for everyone (see attached). After reading the overview, Ken opened the meeting to Public comment. The following residents [with property number in parenthesis](#) made comments:

Mardell Cooper (50): She asked if the bricks in the sidewalk area in front of her place could be placed on her property and the concrete she had placed on 6th Street if it was removed. Ken said the bricks could be placed on her property. She was glad and looked forward to the project.

Vince Price (72): He expressed his displeasure about having taken a loan (which he is still paying on) out 2 years ago to install a new sidewalk in front of his property to fix the drainage problem that neither PDOT or the Borough would help him with and now it would be torn out. Ken said that he did not have a final answer but that it would be looked into and he would be gotten back to. Perhaps the sidewalk could be left in place if in new condition and the project sidewalk could be tied into it. He also had a concern about the street lights producing glare in residents windows. Ken explained that the light style would project the light downward and not up and out as in the business area phases. Also the light is designed to a lower foot-candle requirement due to the residential area. Ken reported on the requirements as told to him by Jeff Unick from Central Office. Mr. Price's phone number is 684-3597.

A representative of Epworth Manor, [Dave Irwin \(131\)](#): He asked if the plants in front of the Manor would be removed. Ken said that only if in the right of way. Elizabeth said there are no plants in the right of way in front of the Manor. It was also asked if at least one of the driveways would be left open at all times due to emergency vehicle use. Ken said that one driveway would be maintained in use at all times.

Rick Weston (21): He questioned about who would be responsible for work on any residence's property. Ken explained that if work had to be done outside the right of way due to the project impact that the resident affected would be asked to sign a right of entry form giving the contractor the access to do work on the private property. If signed the work would be covered under the project budget. He then asked what would be the best method for the residents to remove snow or ice from the sidewalks. Ken said that he would check into it and the Borough would get him the answer. Kristen explained that the PDOT inspector is very particular about this in the way he allows the contractor to finish the concrete which has an effect on how it holds up to salts. Next Rick wanted to know if the height of the curb he has now in front of his place could be kept as it actually helps with errant vehicles about 5 to 6 times a year. Ken said that the curb height is to be 8" or at least matched to what is currently there. Rick then asked about the sidewalk placement and how it would affect his wrought iron fence. Ken and Kristen explained that as the sidewalk is installed and the fill placed as needed behind it, if the bottom of the fence is covered it would be reset and the cost incurred by the project. Rick then asked about the directional sign that is located behind his fence, if it would be reset or moved. Ken stated that it would

be reset near the same location most likely but within the right of way. Rick also stated that some of the trees on his property may have branches that overhang the work area and interfere with the construction. If so, he is ok with them being trimmed back. Rick asked what was the minimum sidewalk width needed. Ken stated that 3 feet is allowed to go around an obstacle. Four feet is preferred. Kristen noted that the project is aiming for a 5 foot width throughout. If four foot is used overall then a turnout or pull off area is needed every 250'. Last, he asked about whether the property lines shown were actual boundary lines. Ken explained that the property lines were taken from tax maps and best fit to the plan based on tie points located in the field. If an actual property dispute related to the project arises the Borough would need to retain someone to perform courthouse research and do a boundary survey.

Bill Phillips (13): He asked about the location of his driveway as it would be defined by the project. Ken stated that the location(s) would be coordinated with him. He also wondered if the brick light posts would need removed that are along the right of way on his property. Ken said it looked as if they were not going to be affected.

Darlene Gardner (71): She asked about the drainage issue that exists in front of her house. When she tries to sweep the leaves and garbage from the sidewalk, there is nowhere to push it as the road is higher than the sidewalk. Ken stated that one of the preliminary solutions for this area is to have a curbed reveal on both sides and slope the sidewalk towards the curb. An inlet will be installed at the low point along the length of the curb to collect the runoff from the sidewalk. She also stated that she works third shift and sleeps during the day and wondered if she could be informed when the work would occur in front of her place as she will need to sleep elsewhere. It was noted that the Borough would let her know. She also asked about the work done outside the right of way and who would pay for it. Ken said if work is required to be done on any private property, a right to enter form would need signed and the project will pay for all work if caused by the project.

Dennis McElwain (95): He asked about the resetting of the valves for laterals that are set in the sidewalk and are either too low or too high. Ken stated that these would be reset flush with the new sidewalk surface. Pat noted that the residents may choose to separate out a lateral that serves two or more apartments so there are individual laterals. This could be done cheaply while the sidewalk is torn up. Ken stated that this work is not covered under the project. He also asked what is the curb height standard. Ken stated that PDOT requires an 8" high curb reveal.

Vince Price (72): He asked about cutting the sidewalk for utility laterals after the project is done. Ken noted that hopefully this does not occur. If necessary the sidewalk could be saw cut neatly or sections removed at construction joints.

Rick Weston (21): He asked who has the final say on the design issues and if there would be another meeting to let the residents know what had been designed. Pat and Kristen explained that both the Borough and PDOT have the final say as a team. Since the monies are Federal, PDOT works as the liaison to ensure PDOT regulations are followed but there are issues where the Borough decides what it wants done. Pat asked John Cornell about another meeting. John said the Borough would hold another in the spring when things are finalized.

Ken asked if there were any more questions. There being none Ken asked John Daily if he had any comments. John stated that he reviewed the project for historical impacts and found none. The preliminarily chosen lights fit the historic era well. Ken then asked John C., Kristen, Elizabeth and Pat if

they had any comments but there were none. Ken thanked everyone for coming and their input and the meeting ended.