

**Status of Streetscape, State Park and NBRT Projects for Town Council**  
**February 6, 2024**

**STREETSCAPE**

**Phase V: Design & Construction –**

- Thrasher has been paid for their \$15,000 30% Design Completion Invoice and the WV-DOH has reimbursed the Town for this Payment. The Town also received the next invoice (\$25,000) for completion of the 90% design milestone. I verified that all comments/corrections to the 90% design have been completed by Thrasher – prior to payment. So we should be processing this payment soon.
- Current completion of the PS&E package is by Feb 16<sup>th</sup> to support a DOH Letting Date in early Spring.
- Design and Floodplain reviews have been requested by WV-DOH by the Town's HLC and the County Floodplain organization.
- Current evaluation shows no need for property easements. Alley area for lighting conduit appears to be Town property.

**Berkeley Springs State Park Project**

- **Current Status:**
  - Final DOH Inspection planned for Feb 6<sup>th</sup>. Formal DOH Punch-List being assembled. I added several items (with photos) to this list, such as: (I will get a copy of the final list.)
    - Landscape, grading and seeding along the new sidewalks was accomplished – but will be on Punch List for improvements when weather permits.
    - Repairs to the damaged existing asphalt sidewalk between the gazebo area and the Country Inn are to be included in this Punch-List.
  - It is noted that DOH and DeLauter were able to increase the new sidewalk area based on funds remaining in the Contract. This new concrete sidewalk runs from the Gazebo area southward to an existing bench along the Run. The nature of the DOH Work Item/Pay Item contract structure provided the basis for this additional work within the Contract Price.

**NBRT**

- Internal discussions continue at DOH.
- Current situation seems to be: (this is preliminary – Pre-Decisional Info)
  - DOH Team (Programs and in-house construction folks) visited NBRT site on Jan 17<sup>th</sup>. Discussed possible shift to DOH in-house construction vs re-bid. Being seriously considered.
  - Three bridges on HDR drawings became the biggest issue – too expensive, difficult to install and likely specified to an un-necessary greater design criteria than needed. Later e-mails suggest DOH is planning 8 ft wide, 5 ton pedestrian bridges, vice the drawings 10 ton 10 ft wide mini-highway bridge. New design could be done in-house DOH
  - Sent our Sponsor Comments (after DOH visit) to DOH. Recommended bridge design criteria changes (using info from Rails to Trails Organization and other sources) and a shift to a culvert design for the Jimstown Rd short bridge.
  - Considering construction via DOH in-house trail-building team
  - Briefed the NBRT Task Force on January 30<sup>th</sup>
  - DOH will likely cancel the Solicitation and Bids in next week or so.

Pete Brown  
571-213-3687