

Lower Makefield Township  
Citizens Traffic Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
May 18, 2009

Present: Ginni Torbert, Vice Chair  
Art Cohn

Dick Davino  
Sue Herman

Also present: Heather Sherk, TPD; Terry Fedorchak, Township Manager, for part of meeting

Ginni opened the regularly scheduled meeting of the Citizens Traffic Commission at 7:30PM.

Public Comment – There were no residents in attendance.

Update on Safe Driving Campaign/Deer Collision Letter – Sue reported that a meeting of the Safe Driving Campaign Subcommittee was held on May 7, 2009. The members of the Subcommittee are Alison Smith, Andrea Meyers, Art Cohn and Jeanne Bray, with Sue Herman as CTC liaison. Marielle Wolf also attended, representing the LMT Special Events Committee. The Subcommittee agreed that senior driving should not be included in the 2009 Campaign to keep the focus narrow. Art asked if the CTC would consider holding the event in the winter, when people don't have as many commitments. Art has been in touch with Chief Coluzzi and Lizette Morales-Khomicki, who is local coordinator of SADD.

Sue asked everyone to review the letter she had written to Terry Fedorchak about collecting data on deer/vehicle collisions. She had eliminated the reference to the Environmental Advisory Council; everyone agreed that was appropriate.

Discussion of West Ferry Working Group – Terry reported that Christy has completed her report on proposed traffic calming measures and their associated costs, which will be presented at the next meeting of the West Ferry Working Group. The Working Group can review, and vote up or down on these measures. Terry believes we have almost reached a tipping point in money and time being spent on this project. Some other neighbors seem to want things to stay the way they are and not all West Ferry people are of the same mind about what should be done. Sue said they have to realize there is no utopia and that they will have to agree on something they can all live with. At some point, options will narrow and a choice will have to be made. In response to a question about turn prohibitions, Terry said they are off the table because it would require many more than the original three signs. State Representative Steve Santarsiero is willing to provide assistance on West Ferry but Terry wonders if we want to request help on this particular issue. Terry thinks it might be more productive to work on the West Trenton issue. The next meeting of the West Ferry Road Area Working Group will be held on Tuesday, May 26, at 7:30PM. Christy should have a pretty specific plan for that meeting, per Heather. Ginni suggested, if the West Ferry people don't agree with Christy's traffic calming measures, it might result in a take it or leave it situation. Ginni said, if we are going to do only traffic calming on West Ferry, the residents should be surveyed. Sue asked about temporary speed humps but the cost is the same as it is for the permanent ones and the temporary humps are supposed to be taken up in bad weather. Ginni asked Heather about the qualifications for using "local traffic only" signs. Heather will research.

Update on Stoopville Road/Washington Crossing Road Intersection – PennDOT will not approve the spur. Sue asked whether the signal at this intersection has an interconnect that, in the future, can be part of any interconnect system along the Washington Crossing Road corridor between Stoopville Road and Lindenhurst Road for existing and proposed signals. Heather will see if she can get a copy of the signal plan at this intersection and will report back to the CTC. Sue said she thinks they are close to designing the traffic signal at Highland and Washington Crossing. She asked if there is any way LMT can get a look; Heather will check.

Discussion of Update to 2008 CTC Report to Board of Supervisors – The update is close to completion. Ginni told Terry Fedorchak they would like to meet with him to get his input on how to proceed. His immediate reaction is that the CTC should make a short presentation to the Board of Supervisors. Ginni asked Dick about the shrubs that were limiting vision onto Schuyler Drive from Knox Court. Dick said that area has been cleared. Ginni asked that everyone get any changes on the updates to her by Friday.

Other Business – There was a discussion about a major accident that took place when a truck driver made a right turn from Woodbourne onto Robert Sugarman Way, going over the railroad track and killing a CSX worker. Signage for people working on the roads is not up to code.

Ginni asked if there is anything new on Edgewood Village or Stony Hill. Heather said there is nothing new on Edgewood Village and she will check with Jim Majewski on Stony Hill. There will be two hearings on Frankford (now known as Aria) Hospital in June.

Ginni asked everyone to get any changes to the April 20, 2009 minutes or project list to Jeanne by Friday.

Ginni asked Terry Fedorchak if anyone has applied for the CTC vacancy left by Bruce McClish. Terry said he did not think so; it is on the web site and cable channel. Ginni will mention the vacancy in public comment at the next Board of Supervisors meeting.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55PM. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Citizens Traffic Commission will be held on June 15, 2009, at the LMT municipal building, at 7:30PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeanne Bray, Recording Secretary