

Lower Makefield Township
Citizens Traffic Commission
March 21, 2011
Meeting Minutes

Present: Virginia Torbert, Chairperson Susan Herman
 Arthur Cohn, Vice Chairperson Scott Weaner
 Richard Davino

Absent: Greg Caiola, BOS Liaison; William Hogan

Public Comment – There were no members of the public in attendance.

Approval of January 31, 2011 Meeting Minutes – The January 2011 meeting minutes were approved unanimously, as written.

Flowers Field Traffic Study – Mrs. Torbert distributed copies of TPD’s traffic study review letter to the CTC members who did not already have it, and said that the letter raised many concerns and questions. Mrs. Torbert shares the concerns laid out by TPD. There has not yet been a response from the developers. Mrs. Torbert asked for input on next steps and it was decided that she will e-mail Nancy Frick, of LMT’s Planning and Zoning Department, inquiring about the timeline on the project, and will e-mail the CTC when she has a response. There was discussion of the most efficient way of ensuring that the Planning Commission is aware of the CTC’s traffic concerns on this, and future, projects. Mr. Davino will draft a letter, for review by the CTC. Mrs. Torbert thinks it would be beneficial for TPD to attend both Planning Commission and Board of Supervisor meetings when this project is on the agenda.

Roelofs Road Traffic Calming Update – There was discussion of Chief Coluzzi’s e-mail in which he said that 30% of the motorists travelling along Roelofs Road are going 11mph or more above the posted speed limit and that the Police Department will continue to enforce that area. After discussion of next steps, it was decided that Mrs. Torbert will draft an e-mail to Chief Coluzzi asking if a 30% speeding rate is high for that area and what is the best long term strategy for reducing speeding.

Sherwood Drive and Forest Road – Mrs. Torbert reported that Chief Coluzzi had responded to her e-mail, which followed up on concerns expressed by a Sherwood Drive resident about the stop signs on Forest Road. Chief Coluzzi reported that, originally, there was a stop sign on Sherwood Drive, but that sign was removed and two placed on Forest Road in the early 1980s when neighbors reported speeding along Forest Road. Mrs. Bray will draft a letter to the resident and forward to the CTC.

Safe Driving Program

2010 event video - Mr. Kelliher has edited and enhanced the video and incorporated a version of the COW Video. Mrs. Torbert will review the video one more time, and then forward it to Chief Coluzzi. After getting his approval, she will pass it on to Mr. Fedorchak for placement on the cable channel. It is hoped that the video can be aired for at least a month during the evenings, when more people are at home.

The follow-up meeting, with Officer Pell of the LMT Police Department, will be scheduled after mid-May. This meeting will include an evaluation of the 2010 event and sharing ideas for the 2011 event. In addition, Mrs. Torbert wants to find out what kinds of interactions the police have with high school kids, and if they have any programs dealing with safe driving in place.

Possible theme/scheduling for 2011 event –

- Mrs. Torbert would like to get more parents to the event. Mrs. Herman suggested presenting to the PTO at the high school, and offered to do the presentations. Mrs. Torbert will review Phil Berardelli's book for ideas on getting parents to attend.
- The Simulator was well-received. However, Mrs. Torbert would like the Simulator activities to be more closely monitored to provide a more effective educational benefit. She asked if there is a Simulator large enough for everyone to see it together, in one room. Mr. Cohn is aware of one, and will contact Lizette Morales-Chomicki to get more information on it. There was also a discussion of finding a way to score driving skills on the Simulator and award prizes to participants.
- There was discussion of sponsors. Mrs. Herman will contact Ann Langtry to get her input on the feasibility of using driving schools as sponsors.
- Mr. Weaner will try to obtain the Saturday Night Live skit on texting while driving.
- Mrs. Bray will research creative ways to get the safe teen driving message across, including looking at www.focusdriven.org, which is similar to MADD, except focused on distracted driving.
- It was agreed that the Safe Driving Event should be held in October again.

With no further business to discuss, the March 21, 2011 meeting of the Citizens Traffic Commission was adjourned at 9:30PM. The next meeting of the CTC will be held on Wednesday, April 27, 2011, at the LMT municipal building, at 7:30PM. The May meeting will have to be rescheduled due to a room conflict.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeanne Bray, Recording Secretary