

Lower Makefield Township
Citizens Traffic Commission
October 21, 2013
Meeting Minutes

Present: Virginia Torbert, Chairperson Susan Herman
 Jeff Benedetto, BOS Liaison Craig Hyman
 Dick Davino Scott Weaner

Also Present: Bob Sanford, of Temple Drive, LMT

Absent: Arthur Cohn, William Hogan

Mrs. Torbert called the October 21, 2013 meeting of the Citizens Traffic Commission to order at 7:30PM.

Mr. Sanford was in attendance to alert the CTC to his traffic safety concerns. One concern was that drivers are using Temple Drive as a cut-through, which, by itself, does not bother him as much as the speeds do. Using his own, informal method of measuring speeds, he has determined that the cars are averaging 35-40 mph. In addition, there are children in the neighborhood who are sometimes playing in the street. He believes the traffic is worse during peak morning and evening hours. He noted that there are no speed limit signs on the street. There was discussion of possible solutions. One suggestion was a stop sign, but Mrs. Torbert explained that PennDOT does not allow stop signs to be used for speed control; to justify a stop sign, a study would have to be done. Mr. Hyman introduced the idea of using Optical Speed Bars, which consist of painted lines which give drivers the impression that they are going faster than they actually are. He said that studies show that the Bars do work. Mr. Benedetto will follow up on the idea of installing speed limit signs and possibly watch children signs on Temple Drive, and on getting a speed study done on the street.

Mr. Sanford spoke of his concern about residents who are parking their cars facing in the wrong direction. He said the code requires that passenger wheels have to be against the curb. There was discussion of ways to educate residents about this issue. Ginni said that the CTC will raise Mr. Sanford's concern with Chief Coluzzi.

Mr. Sanford then spoke about leaves being piled in the street. Mrs. Torbert said she would raise that issue with Mr. Fedorchak.

Review and Evaluation of October 2, 2013 End Distracted Driving Event at Pennsbury High School– The event was considered a big success by the students. The next event will be held on April 8th, 9th or 10th. Mrs. Herman will follow up with Mr. Fedorchak regarding the four donations that were promised. Mr. Weaner will do the thank you notes. LYFT will contribute \$400 for the April event.

Discussion of 2013 Accident Reports – Mrs. Torbert suggested that the accident report data be compiled, but it was suggested that there is not enough precise data to get a meaningful compilation. She requested that CTC members review this year's accident reports to see if there are any significant changes, for example, an increase in intersection accidents at particular locations.

Resident Traffic Concerns

East School Lane - Mr. Benedetto reported on the presentation by the East School Lane residents to the Board of Supervisors. At the meeting, the Transportation Engineer suggested a speed hump. There was no agreement on the speed hump among the residents in attendance. East School Lane will be on the agenda again in November. Mrs. Torbert suggested putting a left hand turn signal at Black Rock Road onto Makefield Road. Mr. Benedetto will check on the timing of the lights.

Share the Road Signage – Mr. Hyman could not find any signs that have joggers on them; share the road signs refer to bicycles and other non-motorized vehicles. It is considered to be up to the jogger to avoid busy, dangerous roads. Mrs. Torbert asked Mr. Hyman to draft a response to Nathan Smith, and circulate it for review by the CTC.

Draft Traffic Guidelines – The draft traffic guidelines are ready to be presented to the Board of Supervisors. Mrs. Torbert will draft a cover letter requesting that the traffic guidelines be put on the agenda, and will provide copies for the BOS packets.

Other Business –

Aria - Aria presented the idea of building a medical village in lieu of the hospital they initially proposed at a recent BOS meeting.

West Trenton Traffic Study – Falls Township is beginning a traffic study of West Trenton Road, from Pine Grove to Calhoun Street Bridge.

With no further business to discuss, the October 21, 2013 meeting of the Citizens Traffic Commission was adjourned at 9:45PM. The next meeting of the CTC will be held on November 18, 2013, at the LMT municipal building, at 7:30PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Virginia Torbert, Chairperson