

Lower Makefield Township
Citizens Traffic Commission
January 23, 2012
Meeting Minutes

Present: Virginia Torbert, Chairperson Susan Herman
Arthur Cohn, Vice Chairperson William Hogan
Richard Davino Kristen Tyler,

BOS Liaison

Absent: Scott Weaner

Reorganization – Mrs. Torbert introduced, and welcomed, Kristen Tyler, the new BOS Liaison for the Citizens Traffic Commission. A motion was made to keep Mrs. Torbert as Chair of the CTC; the motion was seconded and approved unanimously. A motion was also made to keep Mr. Cohn as Vice Chair of the CTC; the motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Approve Minutes from December 15, 2011 Meeting – The CTC minutes from the December 15, 2011 meeting were approved unanimously, as written.

CTC Accomplishments/Activities Update Discussion – Mrs. Torbert reviewed the list of CTC accomplishments since the report of September 2009. There was discussion of the most effective way to present the data. Mrs. Herman agreed to put the data in some kind of priority order and incorporate data from previous reports, as appropriate. She expects to provide this info to the CTC members within three weeks.

Residents' Traffic Concerns –

Rita Road/Patrick Lane/Sandy Drive Speeding/Cut-Through – A letter was received from a resident of Rita Road complaining of safety issues in the neighborhood, largely stemming from speeding cars. Members of the CTC offered to take a look at the situation and provide feedback. Once Mrs. Torbert gets their feedback, she will contact the resident for more information.

Safety Issue re Soliciting Donations in Roadways - Mrs. Torbert gave Mrs. Tyler an overview of this situation, involving Penn State students doing coin drops on LMT roadways. Mrs. Tyler will talk to Chief Coluzzi and the Falls Township police chief. She will e-mail the results of her conversations to the CTC.

Oxford Valley Road/Reading Avenue Update – Mrs. Torbert talked to Terry Fedorchak about this issue and was told that, in the past, Supervisor Jeff Benedetto had asked about this intersection, and in following up, the Township was told by PennDOT that a three-way stop sign would not be permitted. Since then, PennDOT has added signage. One of the warning signs is inaccurate, but may be beneficial since it may cause eastbound motorists on Reading Ave to use more caution. This does not appear to be a high accident location.

Safe Driving Event – Mrs. Torbert reported that there had been a change in direction for the upcoming SALT program. Instead of a Saturday, the Pennsbury Driver Education teachers suggested it be held

during the school day at Pennsbury High School. Ms. Morales-Chomicki of Pennsbury LYFT has called Kramer and changed the date to Friday, March 2, with an April 18 follow up LYFT program that allows the student attendees to report on the program to their parents. The CTC believes it is very important to have the parents involved. Approximately 300 students will be able to take advantage of the March 2 program. It was agreed that the CTC will give input into making the April 18th event as productive as possible. Also, it was agreed that the CTC will begin soon to work on the next safe driving event.

Discussion of Meeting Dates for 2012 – It was decided that the regular meeting day for the CTC will continue to be the third Monday of the month, unless there is a conflict.

Other Business – Mrs. Torbert reported that, at the last BOS meeting, she spoke in support of TPD, saying she thinks they have done a good job, and suggesting that, if the BOS decides to replace TPD, they hire an engineering firm with a strong traffic department.

Aria Hospital – Mrs. Torbert reported that at the recent Zoning Hearing Board, attorneys for the Township and RAFR had started questioning the Aria traffic engineer and began questioning of the Township's traffic engineer (from Pennoni).

With no further business to discuss, the January 23, 2012 meeting of the Citizens Traffic Commission adjourned at 9:15PM. The next meeting of the CTC will be held on **Thursday, February 23rd**, (due to the President's Day holiday) in the LMT municipal building.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeanne Bray, Recording Secretary

