

Lower Makefield Township
Citizens Traffic Commission
August 20, 2012
Meeting Minutes

Present: Virginia Torbert, Chairperson
Arthur Cohn, Vice Chairperson
Richard Davino
Susan Herman
William Hogan
Kristin Tyler, Supervisor Liaison
Scott Weaner

The August 20, 2012 meeting of the LMT Citizens Traffic Commission was called to order at 7:30PM.

Approve Minutes The June 18, 2012 CTC meeting minutes were approved unanimously, as written.

Residents' Traffic Concerns

Roelofs Road – Mrs. Torbert received another e-mail from residents concerned about the speeding on Roelofs Road. The residents again suggested that a four way stop sign might help; Chief Coluzzi had previously said that a four way stop does not meet warrant requirements. Chief Coluzzi suggested that a better solution would be increased enforcement in the area. There was discussion of the issue; one thought was that it might help for the residents to get the school administration involved and to educate residents in the area about the importance of implementing traffic calming measures. It was felt it might be helpful if the school administration scheduled a meeting with the bus drivers and school employees to stress the importance of reducing speeds in the area surrounding the middle school complex.

Updates

CTC Activities Update/BOS Presentation – Mrs. Torbert made hard and digital copies of the CTC accomplishments update available to the Board of Supervisors, the Township Manager, the Township Engineer and Traffic Engineer, LMT Police and the Planning Commission and followed up with a presentation at the July 18, 2012 Board of Supervisors meeting. She felt the update was well-received.

Meeting with Amy Kaminski, LMT Traffic Engineer – Mrs. Torbert gave a report on the meeting with Amy Kaminski and Kristin Tyler, which she thought was beneficial. They discussed some of the problem areas in the Township. One of the areas discussed was the corner of Big Oak and Oxford Valley Roads. Ms. Kaminski visited the intersection after the meeting; Mrs. Torbert will follow up with her on her reactions. Mr. Hogan mentioned that the other intersection, going up Oxford Valley Road toward the mall, is still a problem, though PennDOT had added some overhead signs. It was felt that the pavement striping-needs improvement, which would have to be paid for by LMT. Ms. Kaminski has forwarded some traffic reviews to Mrs. Torbert, including one for Flowers Field.

Aria Special Exception ZHB Decision – The Zoning Hearing Board voted to turn down Aria's request by a vote of 4-1. Aria has 30 days to decide if they will appeal.

Highland Area Cut-Through – Mrs. Tyler will follow up with Chief Coluzzi on this issue and get back to Mrs. Torbert.

Deer Accident Report Mr. Weaner said that he has compiled all the accident reports since 2009 and will update the deer map, with Mr. Davino's help. He will try to complete it by the next meeting. Mrs. Torbert asked that the report distinguish between non-accident deer incidents and actual accidents. She also requested that Mr. Weaner include data from 2010.

Discussion of Traffic Calming Policy Ms. Kaminski had sent examples of traffic calming policies which Mrs. Torbert had forwarded to the CTC members and asked them to review. Mrs. Torbert believes that for LMT to adopt a similar policy would require a lot of Township resources. It was agreed that a simpler policy would be more appropriate, perhaps a blueprint for working with people when they first approach the CTC with a traffic concern. The CTC will look at the reports with an eye to developing possible guidelines. This issue will be discussed at the next meeting.

Other Business - Mr. Weaner's and Mrs. Herman's reappointments to the CTC are still pending. There is also one vacancy.

Tim Fillpot is the new head of LYFT. He sent Mrs. Torbert an e-mail saying LYFT would like to continue to work with CTC on traffic safety issues. He also asked about the possibility of getting funding for "no texting and driving" signs for the high school parking lots; Mrs. Torbert gave him some suggestions. Ginni asked everyone to come up with ideas on ways to get parents involved in the CTC's future safe driving programs and to also think about what should be done by the CTC to promote safe driving in 2013.

With no further business to discuss, the August 20, 2012 meeting of the Citizens Traffic Commission was adjourned at 9:00PM. The next meeting of the CTC will be held on Monday, September 24, 2012, at 7:30PM, at the LMT municipal building.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeanne M. Bray, Recording Secretary