

Lower Makefield Township
Citizens Traffic Commission
October 15, 2012
Meeting Minutes

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

Absent: William Hogan; Scott Weaner

The October 15, 2012 meeting of the LMT Citizens Traffic Commission was called to order at 7:30PM.

Deer Accident Map – Mrs. Torbert distributed copies of the updated deer accident map. Mr. Weaner had added color coding to distinguish among areas where there were one, two, and three or more accidents. Mrs. Torbert will forward the missing 2012 data to Mr. Weaner so he can complete the map before the next CTC meeting. Once complete, it will be presented to Chief Coluzzi, with a request for his input on how to proceed to publicize it as well as his thoughts on what, if anything, should be done to reduce the number of accidents in high accident areas, such as River Road and some parts of Rt. 332.

Mrs. Tyler talked about having seen a sign in another municipality which identified sections of the road as a “high deer accident area.” She felt that this message might have more of an impact on drivers than the signs currently in LMT. It is possible that we have the sign we do because that is the only one allowed by PennDOT. Mr. Davino will look at the MUTCD to see what signs are available to us.

Mr. Davino reported on the research he had done on the “non-accident deer incidents” designation on the accident reports. Except on rare occasions, this designation is presumed to be a deer/vehicle accident. It is designated differently because of the way the police do their reporting. It was agreed that, for the purposes of the deer accident map, “non-accident deer incidents” will be treated the same as any other deer vehicle accident.

Traffic Calming Guidelines – There was a discussion of the draft guidelines Mrs. Torbert had compiled, using Middletown as a model. Revisions were suggested and Mrs. Torbert will update the guidelines accordingly. After Mrs. Torbert distributes the updated version to the CTC, Mrs. Herman will draft an e-mail to Amy Kaminski, the Township’s traffic engineer, attaching the original and revised copies of the guidelines, asking for her review and input.

Future Safe Driving Event – Mrs. Tyler mentioned that she had spoken to Office Pell and he will incorporate texting into the DARE program. No one had been able to attend the Toyota Teen Driver program at Neshaminy Mall. Mrs. Herman will contact Tim Philpot of LYFT to get his feedback on the program and Mrs. Torbert will get names of referrals from Toyota.

With no further business to discuss, the October 15, 2012 meeting of the Citizens Traffic Commission was adjourned at 9:30PM. The next meeting of the CTC will be held on November 19, 2012, at 7:30PM, in the LMT municipal building.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeanne Bray, Recording Secretary