

Lower Makefield Township
Citizens Traffic Commission Meeting
August 17, 2009

Present: Art Cohn Ginni Torbert, Vice Chair
 Dick Davino Scott Weaner
 Sue Herman

Absent: Gary Gilman, Chair
 Ron Smith, Supervisor Liaison

The meeting of the Citizens Traffic Commission was called to order at 7:30 pm by the Vice-Chair Ginni Torbert.

Safe Driving Agenda:

Ms. Herman stated that the Safe Driving Program would be held on October 24 at the Lower Makefield Township building. She asked the Commission for their recommendations on the timing and speakers. It was decided that the program would start at 10 am with refreshments from 10-10:15 and speakers active from 10:15 until 12:30. Ms. Herman stated that Phil Berardelli will speak for 20 minutes and then have a 20 minute Q&A session and there would be interactive activities available for the kids during this time. She stated that Ms. Torbert made a suggestion for the flyer to have a picture of a bunch of teenagers in a car driving, talking on the phone and listening to an iPod with a caption stating: "Could this be your child, let's talk...Join us on October 24...we will bring the coffee and experts, you bring your questions and kids." Ms. Herman and the Committee then discussed other ideas for the flyer to include:

- Date and place
- Sponsorship
- Hands on activity like walking the line with "drunk goggles" and driver simulation machine
- Earning points towards Pennsbury's Drivers Ed out-of-class assignment
- Names of experts and titles

Ms. Herman asked the Commission if any of them would be available to help out at the CTC table on Community Pride Day and a schedule was agreed upon.

Ms. Torbert stated that there are a lot of websites like All State and State Farm that we could download information and materials from and she likes the idea of having something to entice people to stop by. Mr. Cohn said he would call an agent he knows to see if she would supply some posters and handouts.

Ms. Herman stated that publicity for the 10/24 program would be a big job. She asked if Jeanne, Art and Alison could handle publicity for this event and if Mr. Cohn, Mr. Weaner

and Mr. Davino could handle posting of flyers in stores throughout Yardley Borough and Lower Makefield Township and near Pennsbury High School. Flyers should be posted three weeks in advance of the program. Ms. Torbert stated that we would firm up this plan at the August 31 meeting.

Update on West Ferry Traffic Calming:

Ms. Torbert updated the Commission on a letter that was sent out on August 13, 2009 from Mr. Fedorchak, Township Manager, to all the residents of West Ferry and Wilfred roads. The letter included a packet of information on proposed speed tables for West Ferry and requested feedback from residents. She stated that at the last Supervisor's meeting, the Board voted to indefinitely table spending on the West Ferry Road calming issue since the Board of Supervisors does not believe that a significant number of residents have identified interest in speed tables. Ms. Torbert stated that the CTC did not participate in the preparation of the letter nor in the timing of its distribution. She stated that she has some concerns about both the content of the letter and the potential reaction of residents to it. She stated that this leads her to the next point which is the larger issue of the role of the CTC going forward, given the problems encountered during the West Ferry process related to expansion of the CTC's role, lack of consultation/communication, etc. Ms. Torbert stated that her preference would be to send in the update and reserve a meeting with the Board, for a discussion about redefining our mission statement. She asked if the CTC had any suggestions as to how we can improve our relationship with the Board. Ms. Herman stated that we should have a meeting with Ron and Matt. Ms. Torbert stated that, in the meantime, we should think about changing our mission statement and what we want to accomplish.

Mr. Cohn stated that, in his view, the CTC's mission should be to gather input from residents, identifying real problems vs. those only in the mind of a few people and prioritize input to refer to Supervisors, who would decide whether they would dispatch engineers to study the situation for possible solutions. Ms. Torbert stated that if the Board is going to refer people to us, we need to formalize the process and have cooperation from all parties. We can only make suggestions to the Board.

Priority list update for BOS:

Ms. Torbert presented the first update to the original report entitled **Traffic Safety, Traffic Flow Issues in Lower Makefield Township** along with the following three attachments:

- Project on which Progress has been made
- Major Cluster update
- CTC Accomplishments

Ms. Torbert stated that she emailed the update and attachments to everyone and requested that changes be submitted to her by Friday, as she would like to send it out to the board next week.

2008 Road Tour:

Ms. Torbert stated that she attended the 2008 road tour, which was hosted by Public Works Director Hank Hofmeister on Saturday, June 27. She said it was also attended by Supervisors Matt Maloney, Greg Caiola, Jason Simon, Township Manager Terry Fedorchak, Financial Director Brian McCloskey, Township Engineer Jim Majewski, and Kenny Martin, from the Historical Commission. She stated that it was a short tour and was not too traffic related. Ms. Torbert stated that the group discussed the new hardware that the Township purchased so they can make street signs in-house and the new software to track all the improvements they are doing on signage and repairs. She stated this would be helpful as it is now a PennDot requirement to do an inventory of all the signs. Ms. Torbert reported that they made the following stops:

1. Big Oak Road where it was renamed Robert Sugarman Way between Oxford Valley and Township Line Road
2. Patterson Farm to see leaf storage
3. Black Rock Road to see culvert repairs and observe the proposed bike path and how to make it safer
4. West Ferry Road via East Ferry Road to see work done on shoulder area at request of Township resident

Other Business:

Lindenhurst Road Traffic Calming Follow up and Village Market Plan: The Commission discussed Lindenhurst Road Traffic Calming. It was recommended that Ms. Herman draft a letter to the Township with a copy to the Board of Supervisors stating the Commission's concerns and requesting them to authorize engineers to look at these issues.

Village Market Preliminary/Final Plan: Heather reviewed the plan regarding curbing and signs and stated that there were no major issues with this plan.

Ms. Torbert asked if there was any further business to discuss. Ms. Herman mentioned that the January and February meetings would fall on holidays and it was agreed that the dates could be changed.

The next meeting of the Citizens Traffic Commission will be held on Monday, August 31, 2009, at 7:30PM, in the LMT municipal building.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

