

**TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MAKEFIELD
CITIZENS TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JULY 13, 2010**

The regular meeting of the Citizens Traffic Commission of the Township of Lower Makefield was held in the Lower Makefield Township Municipal Building on Monday, July 19, 2010. Ms. Torbert called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

Those present:

Virginia Torbert, Chairperson
William Hogan, member
Scott Weaner, member
Greg Caiola, Supervisor Liaison (joined meeting in progress)

Absent:

Arthur Cohn, Vice-Chairperson
Sue Herman, Secretary
Richard Davino, member

RESIDENT'S TRAFFIC CONCERNS – Roelofs Road

Ms. Torbert stated that she received a letter from a resident on Roelofs Road who is concerned about the safety of that road due to excessive speeding. Mr. Weaner said there are two options: the installation of speed humps or several stop signs on the road. Mr. Hogan said he thought that additional stop signs could be installed at Derbyshire Road and/or the addition of 4-way stop signs at certain intersections along that road. Ms. Torbert said that she does not believe that Penn Dot would approve the warrants for any additional stop signs on that road.

Ms. Torbert said there are 3 schools in that area that are directly affected by this issue and we might be able to do something based on that. She said the CTC has made recommendations about Roelofs Road in the past and the Township added signage and pavement markings in some areas. Ms. Torbert gave an example of a road improvement that was made where Route 13 turns into Pine Grove Road and "Slow" was painted on the road in large letters to slow people down as a possible improvement which might be considered.

Mr. Caiola joined the meeting and Ms. Torbert explained that the Commission was talking about the speeding problem on Roelofs Road. Ms. Torbert said we could put in a request for more enforcement on Roelofs Road but that is not a permanent solution. The Commissioners talked about whether or not there is a crossing guard at the corner of Roelofs and Makefield Road and Mr. Hogan said there was one at one time but there is not one now probably because of school budget cuts. The Commission noted there is a crossing guard at the corner of Big Oak and Makefield Road.

The Commissioners talked about contacting the Pennsbury School Board about the safety issues around the middle schools to get them on board with making safety improvements. Ms. Torbert asked Mr. Caiola if we should ask the Police to support the Commission on this issue. Mr. Caiola said unless the Police are seeing something that is a real problem because of accident data they have collected they would usually not get involved. He also noted that there may be more troubled areas in the Township that would take priority instead.

Ms. Torbert suggested some of the Commissioners go back to Roelofs in September and observe the speed and number of cars, as well as the numbers of walkers and bicyclists on Roelofs Road during the before and/or after school rush hours. They could also ask the Police to do a speed stat survey.

LETTER ABOUT CTC TRAFFIC CONCERNS

Mr. Caiola said the CTC's letter about Township traffic concerns would be on the Board of Supervisors agenda for the next meeting and he would get back to the Commission after the meeting.

SAFE DRIVING DISCUSSION

Ms. Torbert said she, Sue Herman and Art Cohn had meetings recently with Pennsbury Driver's Ed and Officer Mike Pell, which were very informative. Officer Pell said he would take care of a lot of things for the Safe Driving program such as arranging for taping the presentation and even donating \$100 from the PBA to defer costs of the program.

Ms. Torbert said the date of the next Safe Driving Education program would be October 23, 2010. Currently the back up date is October 30, but this is not ideal since the first semester of driving education would be over. They will have a driving simulator at the event and may receive financial support from State Farm who will provide the simulator. Ms. Torbert said Ms. Herman is putting in an application to use William Penn Middle School for the program. Mr. Hogan said the District might waive the cost to hold the program at the Middle School or ask to only cover the costs of the janitors for that day. The Commissioners talked about how to handle donations for the event.

The Commissioners talked about changing the image and title on the program flyer from last year. They talked about how to draw both parents and kids to attend the Safe Driving program. Ms. Torbert talked about the potential speakers at the event such as Jeff Sawyer, Officer Mike Pell and the driving simulator.

Mr. Weaner suggested showing the Taylor Swift PSA spoof that appeared on Saturday Night Live to open the program. The Commissioners talked about how long to schedule the speakers and time in the simulator in order to keep the program 2 to 2 ½ hours long. It was the consensus that there would not be sufficient time for an additional presentation from Officer Pagano.

Mr. Hogan said the flyer must be finalized by next month. Ms. Torbert said the Commissioners should also agree on the image and title for the flyer and she would email the proposed image to the members who were absent.

OTHER BUSINESS

The date of the next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 16th at 7:30 pm in the Township Building.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Mazzitelli, Recording Secretary