

Lower Makefield Township  
Citizens Traffic Commission  
December 16, 2013  
Meeting Minutes

Present: Virginia Torbert, Chairperson                      Craig Hyman  
                 Arthur Cohn, Vice Chairperson                      Scott Weaner  
                 Susan Herman    Dick Davino

Absent: William Hogan  
                 Jeff Benedetto, Supervisor Liaison

**Traffic Calming Guidelines** – Supervisor Kristin Tyler suggested that the guidelines be presented to the BOS at their second meeting in January. Amy Kaminski, our Traffic Engineer, will do the presentation. Mrs. Torbert asked CTC members to attend, if they can. Mrs. Tyler is going to have the Township Solicitor review the guidelines before the meeting.

**Resident Traffic Concerns** –

River Road – No update.

Yardley Estates – The CTC was unaware of this issue until Mrs. Tyler brought it to the attention of Mrs. Torbert. The concern is that cars are using Yardley Estates as a cut-through from Edgewood Road to Stony Hill Road, to avoid the light at Heacock and Edgewood and traffic between there and Stony Hill Road by McCaffrey’s Supermarket. Counts had been taken by the LMT Police Department and it was determined by the Township Traffic Engineer that the numbers on Long Acre and Fox Hollow do not justify calming measures. A four-way stop sign has been suggested and the CTC agreed that this might be appropriate but may not prevent cut-through or speeding traffic.

Mr. Hyman reported that he had talked to Mr. Benedetto about the timing of the light at the Heacock Road/Stony Hill Road intersection. Mr. Hyman feels that the timing is off, that Stony Hill is getting too much green time, while Heacock is getting too little. Mrs. Torbert will e-mail Mr. Benedetto and copy Mrs. Tyler, thanking her for making them aware of the Yardley Estates issue, and expressing hope that the CTC will be made aware of situations like this earlier in the process. She will also ask if the CTC can see the back-up numbers and will mention the timing.

Light Timing – 332 Bypass and Stony Hill Road – The concern is that the light at the intersection of 332 and Stony Hill Road only allows a few cars to make a left onto Stony Hill during each cycle. Although 332 is a PennDOT road, it was suggested that Newtown Township might have some responsibility for the timing of the light.

East School Lane – At a recent meeting, the Board of Supervisors directed the Township Traffic Engineer to prepare information on possible turn restrictions during peak hours, reducing the 25 mph speed limit on East School Lane during school hours and restricting commercial (truck) traffic.

Light at Big Oak and Oxford Valley Roads – There are still reports of confusion at this light due to placement of the far left traffic light for traffic approaching Oxford Valley from Big Oak by Kohl's. In addition, it appears that there have been many accidents at the intersection, four in October alone, though the CTC does not know the reasons for these accidents.

**Approve November Meeting Minutes** – A motion was made and unanimously passed to approve the November 13, 2013 CTC meeting minutes, as amended.

**Other Business** –

January and February Meeting Schedules – Because of holiday conflicts, the January meeting is rescheduled for Thursday, January 23 and the February meeting will be held on Thursday the 27th.

Scudder Falls Bridge – Mrs. Torbert asked that the CTC read the Scudder Falls Bridge report before the next meeting.

October 2013 Safe Driving Event – Mrs. Torbert has a copy of the DVD from the event and will run it by Chief Coluzzi to see if he thinks it would be appropriate to show it on the Township's cable channel.

With no further business to discuss, the December 16, 2013 meeting of the Citizens Traffic Commission was adjourned at 8:30PM. The next meeting of the CTC will be held on January 23, 2014, at 7:30PM, in the LMT municipal building.

Respectfully Submitted,

Virginia Torbert, Chairperson