

Lower Makefield Township
Citizens Traffic Commission
March 28, 2013
Meeting Minutes

Present: Virginia Torbert, Chairperson William Hogan
Arthur Cohn, Vice Chairperson Craig Hyman
Jeff Benedetto, BOS Liaison Scott Weaner
Richard Davino

Absent: Susan Herman

The March 28, 2013 meeting of the LMT Citizens Traffic Commission was called to order at 7:30PM.

Resident Traffic Concerns –

Flashing Lights in Front of St. John’s School – Mrs. Torbert reported that there have been complaints from neighbors about the 15 mph speed limit lights that continue to flash in front of St. John’s school, which has been closed for many months. Mr. Benedetto will follow up on this.

East School Lane Speeding/Cut-Through – Maryann Carroll, a resident of East School Lane, was in attendance to discuss the speeding and cut-through she has observed on East School Lane. Mr. Benedetto mentioned that he had heard the same complaints from an East School Lane resident two or three years ago. Mrs. Carroll made some suggestions for possible solutions, the CTC members added their thoughts and ideas, and it was agreed that Mr. Benedetto will pursue installing yellow crosswalk warning signs in the crosswalk on Makefield Road. He will also find out if a speed stat study has been done and will confirm that Makefield Road is a State road. Mrs. Torbert suggested that Mrs. Carroll talk to neighbors to gather support for improvements.

Longmeadow Lane Speeding - As a follow up to a resident’s complaint, members of the CTC made a site visit to Longmeadow Lane. They determined that the speeding is likely from local residents, and observed that there are no speed limit signs, “watch children” or bus stop warning signs on the Lane. Mrs. Torbert suggested that the CTC recommend the installation of watch children and speed limit signs.

Big Oak Road/Oxford Valley Road Intersection – It was agreed that there are numerous problems at this intersection, including lane switching, confusing arrows, and visual problems. Mrs. Torbert reported that the accident report showed a large number of accidents in that area. It was also suggested that there should be an effort made to clarify signage regarding when “right turn on red” is permissible. Mrs. Torbert asked Mr. Benedetto to look into the possibility of having the Township’s Traffic Engineer look at the Big Oak Road/Oxford Valley Road intersection on an overall basis.

Forest Road Stop Signs – This issue was raised previously but no changes were made at that time. It is being raised now because a resident reported that more people seem to be going through the stop signs without stopping. Mrs. Torbert suggested that it might help to apply some visual techniques such as road markings in addition to the stop signs. Mr. Benedetto will follow up.

Deer Accident Map – Mr. Weaner reported that he has completed the map for 2010, 2011 and 2012. Mr. Benedetto reported that Chief Coluzzi was very supportive of the map. He will follow up with Chief Coluzzi to find out if the map can be installed on the current website or the new website when it is in place. Mrs. Torbert will forward the map introduction to the members of the CTC for their comments.

Traffic Calming Guidelines - Mr. Hyman distributed the draft guidelines with his changes. His changes were discussed and Mrs. Torbert asked everyone to review the guidelines one more time, and bring any revisions to the meeting on April 15. After a discussion about what exactly “generally affected residents” should mean, Mrs. Torbert said she will research other municipalities’ guidelines.

Approval of January 24, 2013 CTC Meeting Minutes – The January 24, 2013 CTC minutes were approved as written.

New Business – Mr. Davino reported he had spoken to a resident with concerns about speeding taking place on Bluestone West. Mr. Weaner will visit the site to see if there are any speed limit signs.

With no further business to discuss, the March 28, 2013 meeting of the Citizens Traffic Commission was adjourned at 9:45PM. The next meeting of the CTC will be held on Monday, April 15, 2013, at 7:30PM, in the LMT municipal building.

Respectfully Submitted,

Virginia Torbert, Chairperson

Longmeadow Lane Speeding -