

Lower Makefield Township

Citizens Traffic Commission

February 27, 2014

Meeting Minutes

Present: Virginia Torbert, Chairperson Scott Weaner
Arthur Cohn, Vice Chairperson Dick Davino
Kristen Tyler, Supervisor Liaison William Hogan
Susan Herman

Absent: Craig Hyman
Jeanne Bray

Traffic Calming Guidelines – Supervisor Kristen Tyler said there is a possibility that the guidelines could be presented to the BOS at the end of March or in April. Ms. Tyler is reviewing the guidelines with LMT’s traffic engineer, Police Chief, and Solicitor to get their final input before bringing it before the BOS.

East School Lane – Ms. Tyler will get an update from LMT’s traffic engineer as to where this stands.

River Road – Ms. Tyler will get an update from Supervisor Jeff Benedetto. Mr. Benedetto is following up with two residents from River Road who complained of speed issues to see where they stand with their efforts to get other River Road residents involved. They may be considering a grass roots movement to encourage behavior modification and possibly seek reduced speed limits and more consistent enforcement.

Temple Drive – Scott Weaner will visit the road to see if the “Watch Children” signs and 25 mph speed limit signs have been installed. (Post meeting note: signs have not been installed.) The CTC discussed how the congestion at the intersection of Afton Ave. and Main St. in Yardley is the root of the cut-through traffic on Temple Drive.

Light Timing at These Intersections: Heacock and Stony Hill Roads, Edgewood and Yardley-Morrisville Roads, and Edgewood and Makefield Roads – Ms. Tyler will follow up with Chief Coluzzi and Captain Roche regarding CTC’s concerns and provide feedback to the CTC.

Hillside Terrace Turn Restriction/ U-turn Issue: - The CTC discussed a February 26, 2014 email from Jeanette Marie-Kelley, a LMT resident, who cited problems occurring in her neighborhood due to the Turn Restriction sign that was erected to discourage cut-through traffic on Lower Hilltop Road/ Highland Drive. The affected roads include Austin, Raab, and Wilbur Roads. CTC members discussed that the root of the problem causing cut-through traffic is the back-up that is happening on Dolington Road for those wanting to turn left onto Taylorsville Road to access I-95. Mrs. Herman mentioned that she had attended a meeting held by State Representative Steve Santarsiero where this intersection was discussed. Attendees at that meeting mentioned a roundabout option for this intersection that had been proposed by the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission in the DVRPC's Bucks County Regional Traffic Study which was comprised of a Final Report dated October 2007 and an Addendum to the Bucks County Regional Traffic Study Final Report (October 2007)-Copies of Municipal/ Task Force Correspondence dated January 2008. The CTC recommends that a traffic study be conducted at this intersection and that an "on demand" (traffic sensitive) light also be considered. The CTC questions the merits of a roundabout for this location. Mrs. Herman will follow-up with Representative Santarsiero's office to get a status update on addressing this intersection.

Mrs. Torbert will invite Ms. Kelley to attend the March CTC meeting to present her concerns and encourage her to bring any information that would enable the CTC to best understand the situation.

Guidelines for Citizens' Presentations at CTC Meetings: Going forward, the CTC will collect all pertinent information regarding citizens' complaints during the meeting, but will not make recommendations for addressing the situations during the meeting. The CTC will take the matter under advisement and commit to keeping the citizen informed regarding relevant information about the matter. The citizen will be encouraged to keep the CTC informed about relevant information as well. Mrs. Herman said that the CTC could distribute the future Traffic Calming Guidelines to residents, where applicable.

Mrs. Herman asked whether a spread sheet could be developed that identified the options the CTC should consider for remedying problems brought by citizens (site visit, traffic study, police enforcement, traffic calming guidelines, etc.) and recommended asking Craig Hyman for suggestions.

Tracking CTC Follow-up Items: Mrs. Herman asked how the CTC could better track its follow-up items. Mrs. Torbert will bring her computer to the March CTC meeting and Mrs. Tyler will show her how to use Outlook to do a diary of follow-up items. Mrs. Tyler suggested that the list of follow-up items be attached to the Meeting Minutes.

No Turn on Red at Edgewood and Oxford Valley Roads: The CTC discussed guidelines that Craig Hyman had distributed regarding No Turn on Red and believe that there is a No Turn on Red here for safety because of limited site distance. There are a lot of Township activities nearby and an elementary school which results in high pedestrian traffic at this intersection.

Scudder Falls Bridge: Mrs. Herman will follow up with Representative Santarsiero's office to get a status update on this project.

End Distracted Driving Program: Mrs. Herman will work with Tim Philpot of LYFT to finalize the early April program.

With no further business to discuss, the January 23, 2014 meeting of the Citizens Traffic Commission was adjourned. The next meeting of the CTC will be held on Monday, March 17, 2014.

Respectfully Submitted,

Virginia Torbert, Chairperson