

Lower Makefield Township
Citizens Traffic Commission
May 18, 2015
Meeting Minutes

Present: Virginia Torbert, Chairperson Catherine Chia-Calabria
Arthur Cohn, Vice Chairperson William Hogan
Dobby Dobson, Supervisor Liaison Scott Weaner
Sue Herman

Mrs. Torbert called the May 18, 2015 meeting of the Citizens Traffic Commission to order at 7:30PM.

Black Rock Road at Canal Towpath -There was discussion about the pedestrian stop signs recently installed on the Canal towpath where it intersects with Black Rock Road. This step was in response to a letter sent by the Township last year to the Delaware Canal State Park at the suggestion of the CTC regarding the need to warn pedestrians and bicyclists of cars approaching the crosswalk on Black Rock Road. There was discussion about the possible need for additional safety measures, specifically to reduce vehicle speed, if indeed drivers are speeding. As a first step, Mrs. Torbert will contact Chief Coluzzi about the possibility of conducting a speed stat study to determine the speed and volume of traffic approaching the crosswalk.

Car Seat Event – It was agreed that the car seat event was a great success and that the CTC would like to be part of future car seat events.

Stony Hill and Yardley-Langhorne Road Improvements – There have been many complaints about the back ups in this area, particularly on the section of Stony Hill between Heacock and Yardley-Langhorne Roads. Mr. Dobson talked to State Representative Steve Santarsiero, who said that PennDOT does plan to make improvements in that area. Mrs. Herman will contact Mr. Santarsiero to get more information.

Traffic Calming Guidelines – Mrs. Herman and Mrs. Torbert have completed proposed revisions to the Traffic Calming Guidelines in consultation with the Township Manager. Mrs. Herman reviewed the changes with Mr. Dobson and explained that the Guidelines will be easier for residents to navigate now. Mr. Dobson suggested that they compile a summary of the most recent changes to the Guidelines, for the BOS. Mrs. Torbert will submit the revisions to the Traffic Engineer for review and will then ask Mr. Fedorchak to put a discussion of the revisions to the Traffic Calming Guidelines on an upcoming BOS meeting agenda.

Oxford Valley and Big Oak Roads – Mrs. Torbert distributed a list of five concerns about that intersection that have been raised by LMT residents and the CTC. After discussion, it was agreed that the striping on the road should be refreshed as soon as possible; this job is LMT's responsibility. Mrs. Torbert will contact Chief Coluzzi to find out when the striping is scheduled and request that it be

expedited if possible. Mr. Dobson suggested that we may have to wait until there is accident data available for five years before obtaining PennDOT approval for additional safety measures.

Approve March and April CTC Meeting Minutes – The March and April minutes were approved unanimously.

Other Business –

Bluestone and Roelofs Roads – Chief Coluzzi reported that the Police Department had visited the site and recommended that a three way supplemental placard and reflective stop bars should be placed on all the stop signs at this intersection. PennDOT regulations now require the supplemental placard to read “All Way Stop.” They also found that the street markings needed to be refreshed. The Road Department will be given instructions to take care of those projects as soon as possible.

Website – Mrs. Chia-Calabria passed around the pictures she had taken for use in the CTC webpage. Mrs. Torbert requested that she send her the digital version of the pictures so they can be put on the website. Mrs. Torbert also suggested that the card describing the CTC she had prepared for the car seat event might work well in describing the work of the CTC on the webpage.

LMT Newsletter – Mr. Dobson noted that the newsletter has been published and that the Township will publish one each quarter.

Scudder Falls Bridge - Mrs. Torbert mentioned that she got a letter from the Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission saying that they are going to start performing repairs on the deck of the old Scudders Falls Bridge in August. These repairs are necessary to keep the bridge operational until the new bridge is built. Work on the new bridge is currently scheduled to begin in early 2017.

With no further business to discuss, the May 18, 2015 meeting of the Citizens Traffic Commission was adjourned at 8:45PM. The next meeting of the CTC will be held on June 15, 2015, at 7:30PM, in the LMT municipal building.

Respectfully Submitted,

Virginia Torbert, Chairperson