

Lower Makefield Township  
Citizens Traffic Commission

October 16, 2017

Meeting Minutes

Present:	Virginia Torbert, Chairperson	Arthur Cohn
	Jeff Benedetto, BOS Liaison	Richard Davino
	Catherine Chia-Calabria	Susan Herman

Mrs. Torbert called the October meeting of the Citizens Traffic Commission to order at 7:30PM.

**Makefield Road Roadway Safety Analysis Update** – Mrs. Torbert referenced the email from Mr. Wursta regarding the Analysis. Re Mr. Wursta, the data has been collected and is being analyzed. Since the additional issues considered important by the CTC are not being addressed in the study, the question was raised, and discussed, about whether the CTC should wait until the study is complete to raise those issues again, or whether it would be better to raise them now. After lengthy discussion, it was agreed that Mrs. Torbert would ask the Board of Supervisors to pass a resolution, at their upcoming meeting, to have TPD include the CTC’s issues in the study. Mr. Benedetto will support the idea of the resolution at the meeting.

Mrs. Torbert mentioned the Zen Drive study and her surprise at how much information on distracted driving can be gleaned from cell phones.

There was discussion of the issue of foliage in the Township that could be causing unsafe driving conditions. It was agreed that the CTC would ask the Township to check the neighborhoods for problem foliage on a regular basis.

**Petition to PennDOT** – Mrs. Torbert reported that PennDOT had accepted the request from Lower Makefield Township, Morrisville and Yardley Borough to do a study re possible weight restricting trucks on Taylorsville and River roads.

**Other Business** –

**Sandy Run Closure** – Mr. Benedetto reported that the last update he had received was that SEPTA wanted to meet with the Township to discuss possible cost mitigation. He will ask for an update.

**Bike Safety Program** – It was noted that Kevin Treiber had held a bike safety program, which was very successful. The following day, there was a silent ride for the young biker who was killed on Makefield Road.

**Snipes Project** - A stay order has been issued, sending the matter back to the Township for further hearings and neighbor notification.

The September minutes will be reviewed in November.

PennDOT has announced that LMT will receive \$319,000 in state funding for traffic improvement. This includes \$59,000 for improvements in the signals at the intersections of Yardley-Newtown Road at Mirror Lake and Creamery Roads. \$260,000 was awarded to upgrade existing traffic signal at Big Oak and Makefield Roads and to upgrade the pedestrian facilities between school zones.

With no further business to discuss, the October 16 meeting of the CTC was adjourned at 8:45pm. The next meeting of the Citizens Traffic Commission will be held on November 20 at the LMT Municipal Building at 7:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Virginia Torbert, Chairperson