

Lower Makefield Township
Citizens Traffic Commission

August 21, 2017

Meeting Minutes

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

Also in attendance was Bill Zadrovicz, TPD, and Marianne Carroll, Resident of East School Lane

Makefield Road Update– Mr. Zadrovicz had no additional information about the recent fatal bicycle/car accident but plans to meet soon with LMTPD to get an update.

He reported that TPD will be conducting a Roadway Safety Analysis which is expected to take about two months. The study will cover Makefield Road from Yardley -Morrisville to the intersection with Big Oak and will look at all aspects of the current roadway. The CTC requested that a comprehensive speed study be conducted for the entire length of the roadway when the school year begins.

There was discussion of speed limits. Ms. Carroll suggested amending the Township ordinance to provide for a 25mph speed limit in front of Makefield Elementary, as is the case for all other LMT elementary schools. Some CTC members advocated for lowering the speed limit to 25mph along the full length of Makefield Road that is under study. The CTC also asked if it would be possible to extend the current school zone to improve safety for walkers and bicyclists.

The CTC asked that TPD look at the interior of the Middle School complex to determine if the new design is safe for pedestrians and bicyclists and to address any deficiencies found. The CTC also requested that an additional roadway safety analysis be conducted for roadways adjacent to the middle school complex, perhaps as a second phase to the Makefield Road Study.

The CTC asked if some steps could be taken immediately, i.e., identifying foliage which reduces site distance at roads intersecting with Makefield, making sure all crosswalks on Makefield have the appropriate signs, and asking LMTPD to increase both speed and crosswalk safety enforcement on Makefield, particularly during the first weeks of school. The CTC asked for regular updates on the progress of the study. Mr. Zadrovicz agreed.

With no further business to discuss, the August 21 meeting of the CTC was adjourned. The next CTC meeting will be held on September 18 at the LMT Municipal Building at 7:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Virginia Torbert, Chairperson

