

Lower Makefield Township

Citizens Traffic Commission

December 18, 2017

Meeting Minutes

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

Mrs. Torbert called the December 18, 2017 meeting of the Citizens Traffic Commission to order at 7:30pm.

**Brief Discussion on Makefield Safety Study, RR Crossing Safety and Sandy Run Road Situation –**

Mrs. Torbert referenced the email she had received from Phil Wursta of TPD on December 18<sup>th</sup>, in response to her request for an update on the Makefield Road Study. Mr. Wursta said they are waiting for some additional input, at which time they will forward the study to Chief Coluzzi and Terry Fedorchak. It was agreed that Mrs. Torbert will raise the topic of the study with the new Board of Supervisors.

Regarding the Edgewood RR crossing/Sandy Run Road issue, Mrs. Torbert reported that Mr. Wursta had discussed it at the last BOS meeting. He noted that, with the chicanes and lowered speed limit, average speeds had come down from 36mph to 30mph. He suggested maintaining the status quo for another month or so and if the speed limit is still averaging 30 pm, Sandy Run Road will only have to be moved 100 feet toward Schulyer to achieve an adequate site distance. One of the Supervisors expressed concern about the aesthetics of the chicanes, and was assured that permanent ones will be much more attractive. Mr. Wursta indicated that before the road is opened to the public, they would have to make sure that emergency vehicles can get through. Mr. Davino feels this approach does not solve the basic problem and would rather see Edgewood Road and Sandy Run Road raised. Mrs. Chia-Calabria indicated that this option was considered but considered too expensive.

Due to ongoing reports from residents of drivers going around the arms of the RR gates when they are down, and of the arms staying down for long periods of time, Mrs. Torbert revisited the issue. She mentioned that the FRA (Federal Railroad Administration) spent years coming up with enhanced safety measures as part of their approval of quiet zones. She asked everyone to research the quiet zone requirements to confirm that all have been met. Mrs. Torbert raised the issue of two, conflicting, emergency phone numbers and will contact Chief Coluzzi to get clarification.

There was discussion of using stoplights as a fix for the problem. Mrs. Torbert asked Mr. Weaner to

look at the list of possible solutions that had been compiled by TPD, in particular, those that had been considered and rejected.

**August and November Minutes**- August and November 2017 meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

With no further business to discuss, the December 18 meeting of the Citizens Traffic Committee was adjourned at 9pm. The next meeting of the CTC will be held at 7:30pm in the LMT municipal building on Thursday, January 18, 2018, with the date of the February meeting to be determined.

Respectfully Submitted,

Virginia Torbert, Chairperson