



Lower Makefield Township
Citizens Traffic Commission

February 20, 2018

Meeting Minutes

Present: Virginia Torbert, Chairperson; Suzanne Blundi, BOS Liaison; Catherine Chia-Calabria; Arthur Cohn; Susan Herman; Scott Weaner

Also in attendance were: Sarah Boyce, LMT resident and Jeff Benedetto, former LMT Supervisor

Mrs. Torbert called the February 20 meeting of the CTC to order at 7:30pm.

The first order of business was approval of the December 2017 and January 2018 minutes. The December minutes were approved unanimously as presented. There was discussion of the January 2018 minutes and it was decided that some changes needed to be made so approval was tabled to a future meeting.

Resident Concern Mr. Benedetto introduced Mrs. Boyce as a resident who had contacted him with regard to a traffic concern in her neighborhood, Carriage Hill. Mrs. Boyce has observed drivers using Sensor and Lanyard Roads as a cut-through during both morning and afternoon school zone flashing periods. She has become aware of this while walking her child to Edgewood School, as residents in that area do not have bus service. She believes that these drivers are speeding and cutting through to avoid lowered speeds and congestion on Edgewood Road before and after school, and feels that this creates a safety hazard for walkers. Much of the traffic appears to be people dropping children off at school on Oxford Valley Road or travelling toward Reading, on their way to other destinations.

After discussion, it was agreed that Mrs. Torbert will ask Chief Coluzzi about trying both enforcement and installing a temporary speed sign, to see if these make a difference.

Makefield Road Safety Analysis – Mrs. Torbert reported that she had not gotten a response yet from the BOS to the CTC's recommendation that changes be made to the TPD study. Ms. Blundi will follow up with the other Supervisors.

Octagon Center Phase 2 (Dunkin Donuts/Daycare) – Mrs. Torbert presented the plan for this project and noted that the deadline for comments is March 8. After studying the plan, the Commission

discussed their concerns, including the need for a traffic study due to existing issues with the Big Oak/Oxford Valley Road intersection and the traffic patterns on Big Oak Road (Robert Sugarman Way) in front of the proposed development. They agreed that Mrs. Torbert will draft a letter with the CTC's comments to the Planning Commission, and will echo the comments on traffic recently sent to the Planning Commission by the EAC. Once the letter is completed, she will forward it to the CTC for their review. Ms. Blundi will ask the Township Solicitor if he has made a determination as to whether this plan is in compliance with the original Matrix settlement agreement.

Other Business – Mr. Benedetto raised the issue of the timing of the light at Stony Hill Road and Yardley-Langhorne Road, , wondering whether that needs to be looked at in light of the recent opening of DeLorenzos. Mrs. Torbert will ask Chief Coluzzi about this. .

It was noted that the Township has received a grant to coordinate the lights at Creamery Road and Mirror Lake where they intersect with Yardley-Newtown Road (Route 332.)

Mrs. Torbert noted that the "Have a Traffic Concern" link, which had been on the home page, is no longer in the same place. She will ask if it can be posted again on the home page, or with news and events, so it is more accessible.

The Planning Commission has been tasked with updating the **Township's Comprehensive Plan**. Mrs. Torbert provided everyone with a copy of the Transportation Planning section of the Township Master Plan Update from 2013 and asked that the members review it for ideas on adding, revising or reprioritizing items. This will be discussed at length at the next meeting.

With no further business to discuss, the February 2018 meeting of the CTC was adjourned at 9:30pm. The next meeting of the CTC will be held on March 19, 2018, at 7:30, at the LMT Municipal Building.

Respectfully Submitted,

Virginia Torbert, Chairperson