



Lower Makefield Township

Citizens Traffic Commission

April 16, 2018

Meeting Minutes

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

Mrs. Torbert called the April 16 meeting of the CTC to order at 7:30pm.

The first order of business was approval of the February 2018 and March 2018 minutes. The February minutes were approved unanimously with amendment. The March minutes were approved unanimously as written.

Makefield Road Improvements Update – Mrs. Torbert reported that, per Chief Coluzzi, a 25 mph speed limit is not enforceable, because it is not supported by a traffic study, but that TPD, LMTPD and the LMT Road Department were in the process of getting cost estimates for different methods of traffic calming to enhance the visibility of the Makefield Elementary school zone. Mr. Wursta and Chief Coluzzi will be asking the Board to increase funding for the improvements at the next BOS meeting.

There was a question raised about the work being done at the middle school complex. Some CTC members as well as Supervisor Blundi feel there is not adequate sight distance for cars making a left onto Makefield from Roelofs at peak times due to traffic volume. Mr. Calabria, (Mrs. Calabria's spouse who is also an engineer), will check it out. Another concern mentioned was that the light at the intersection of Creamery Road and Yardley-Newtown Road, which reportedly only allows a car and a half through on a left turn. Mrs. Torbert will ask the traffic engineer about the status of scheduled improvements at this intersection as well as the intersection of Big Oak and Makefield Road near the middle school complex.

Update from 4/9/2018 Planning Commission Meeting - Mrs. Torbert, Mrs. Herman and Mr. Cohn attended the April 9 meeting of the Planning Commission. One of the items on the PC agenda was the update to the Comprehensive Plan. The CTC had previously sent the PC suggested changes to the **"Transportation Planning"** section. The PC had no objections to the changes proposed by the CTC, but Mr. Wursta, the traffic engineer, said he needed time to look over the Transportation Planning section and after discussion, it was agreed that Mr. Wursta would get back to the Planning Commission with his suggested changes to the Plan. The PC tabled the discussion of the comments about the sewer section.



Mrs. Herman volunteered to attend the next Planning Commission meeting to follow up on the proposed revisions.

Update from 4/9/2018 Planning Commission Meeting, Continued -There was also a discussion of the traffic issues related to the **Dunkin Donuts Preliminary Plan** and **Regency at Yardley**. Mrs. Torbert indicated that she was disappointed that no regular traffic impact study would be done for the Dunkin Donuts project. This was apparently due to an agreement between the developers and the Township Traffic Engineer that the developers would pay for a traffic signal if warranted along the stretch of Big Oak Road (Robert Sugarman Way) fronting the proposed development. Mr. Wursta believes that the study needed for PennDOT approval of the traffic signal will be adequate and that no changes can be made to the intersection of Big Oak and Oxford Valley Road anyway.

Mrs. Torbert also reported to the Planning Commission that a resident living in a section of **Regency at Yardley** off Big Oak Road had complained about having to drive to his clubhouse rather than being able to simply walk there. Gary Cruzan, a resident involved in the original Matrix Settlement Agreement, has spoken about the narrow roads in Regency which do not allow for overflow parking. He had suggested to Mrs. Torbert that the five acres behind CVS that were given to the Township could potentially be used for this overflow parking as well as open space.

Other Business – Mrs. Torbert said that the **Caddis Development Plan** (for an Assisted Living Facility off of Dobry Road and Oxford Valley Road) will be reviewed at the first team review meeting held by the Township at Mr. Majewski's office next week. The proposed entrance to the facility on Oxford Valley Road apparently crosses a small sliver of Township land. There was a review of the Preliminary Plan and it was agreed that the CTC would make every effort to ensure that the Oxford Valley Road entrance/exit is set up for right turns in and out only and that adequate improvements are included to Dobry Road.

With no further business to discuss, the CTC meeting was adjourned at 9:15pm. The next meeting of the CTC will be held on May 21, 2018, at 7:30 pm, at the LMT Municipal Building.

Respectfully Submitted,

Virginia Torbert, Chairperson