

**Tredyffrin Township Traffic Committee Meeting  
December 17, 2008  
7:30am**

The Tredyffrin Township Traffic Committee Meeting was held on Wednesday, December 17, 2008. The following committee members were present:

John DiBuonaventuro	Township Supervisor
Mimi Gleason	Township Manager
Steve Norcini	Public Works Director
Erin McPherson	Township Engineer
Lt. Anthony Giaimo	Lieutenant
Sgt. Ed Spiller	Traffic Sergeant
Cpl. Kevin Moore	Traffic Corporal

Those present from the community were:

Cheryl Bergsma	271 Irish Road
Toni Pulcini	T/E School District / Transportation
Brian Kraidman	Krapf Bus Company
Tom McCarey	Daylesford Hills
Cindy Verguldi	861 Old Lancaster Road

**Audience Concerns**

Lt. Giaimo wished everyone happy holidays and asked for any audience concerns.

Tom McCarey shared information regarding a federal study of vehicle accidents over a period of one and a half years. The result of the investigation was that out of 5000 crashes, only 5% were caused by speeding. The VA Dept. of Transportation found similar results. Lt. Giaimo and Cpl. Moore appreciate the information and will review it in detail.

Question was asked about the reason for increased police at Timothy School. Cpl. Moore responded that there was concern about speeding vehicles in the afternoon. There was a request for law enforcement by parent and director at school. As late as yesterday, there were 4 violators, two of whom were associated with the school.

Discussion took place about intersection of N. Wayne & Upper Gulph. There are left or right turns and are loop detectors in each lane. Resident Cheryl Bergsma mentioned that there seems to be a problem with the loop detector in the right hand lane. Steve Norcini will have signal service come out and check on it.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Left Turn Lane Rt. 30E & 252**

Sgt. Spiller noticed traffic was backing up and getting congested thru the shopping center. Green light is currently set at 5 seconds. Mr. Norcini explained that PennDOT was contacted and we will implement extended green at that location (an additional 5 seconds). We received verbal approval. We will try the extension on Northbound 252 turn. Signal service will take care of it.

### **B. Worker Visibility Vests**

There are new ANSI requirements for traffic safety vests. The Police Department and Public Works Department will have high visibility vests. The older vests were about 12-20 dollars each. The new ones are about 25-50 dollars each. The new vests are required for anyone working in the roadways.

### **C. 252 & Hilltop**

Northbound traffic is driving at 55 mph. Orth Rodgers conducted study and due to sight distance issues at that location a reduction in speed to 40 mph is recommended. Also it was determined that at Hilltop during the morning peak traffic is failing recommended service levels, not crossing intersection in appropriate level of time. Vehicles have to wait 30 seconds to a minute. This may encourage people to dart out into intersection and pose an obvious safety hazard. We have removed the vegetation at the location but it is not enough to remedy the sight distance issue.

We will send a formal request to PennDOT and present the data recommending a speed reduction to 40 mph. Ms. Gleason remarked that this should be more effective now that we have more data to support the recommendation. Lt. Giaimo stated there have been 17 accidents in 5 years, a few of which were non-reportable. These are significant figures.

### **D. Buckle Up PA**

We have just completed the Buckle Up PA wave. We had 911 contacts and issued 201 citations as well as additional (Driving Under Suspension) citation. This was a good wave. It is a valuable program and will continue in 2009 along with the Smooth Operator program. This is a grant based program which does not cost taxpayers anything. Route 202 is the highest accident area in the township.

Mr. DiBuonaventuro remarked that often residents will see the police cars in the area and assume they are regular traffic officers, not realizing this is a grant based program.

### **E. Vehicles not Stopping at Stop Sign – Conestoga Road**

Cpl. Moore discussed email from Officer DiMaio regarding complaint of vehicles not stopping at stop sign on Conestoga Road. Resident suggested stop sign painted in the road at Berwyn Baptist. Cpl Moore believes this would create more of a problem.

Vehicles would have to stop, proceed, then stop again. Mr. Norcini agrees this would not help the situation. Cpl. Moore remarked that we have not seen the violations or accidents here.

Mr. McCarey remarked that Conestoga Lane needs a street sign. Mr. Norcini explained that this is a private lane. We do not supply signs to residents for private lanes although we can provide information on purchasing same.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **A. Milling on Green at Cassatt/ Devon State Road**

Comment was made by resident that the milling is well done at this location. The consensus was to take a “wait and see” approach at first. Initially we saw a spike in accidents then it leveled out. We will continue to monitor the area.

Cpl. Moore remarked that the peak of the accident period seemed to be during time of season when leaves were falling. It appears that was when roads were most slippery. We will keep an eye on it.

Mr. Norcini commented that the idea at the last meeting was to get accurate data on Devon State Road. We have not seen any great change. Cpl. Moore remarked that we have a high focus on that area.

Milling was discussed including different materials used at that location and Lt. Giaimo stated that once it gets washed down due to rains it is much smoother.

Mr. DiBuonaventuro raised the issue of milling on Devon State Road. He stated that we know this is a common sense issue. Although it is a state road, we know milling is the right thing to do. When it is milled we have fewer accidents. Mr. Norcini stated we are unsure if accident data supports that. He suggested we send a letter to Bob Laird at PennDOT.

Lt. Giaimo remarked that years ago we had a huge amount of accidents. Milling is not a complete cure all. You can only mill once and then it must be resurfaced. PennDOT doesn't want to continue to have to come back and address it.

## **B. 5k / 10k run Packages**

As discussed at previous meetings, we are working on blueprints for people hosting events and attempting to unify everything involved. We have developed a set of course within the township that are the safest and have considered instances in which people would want to waiver. There are a number of runs that historically would not be approved. Several departments need to be taken into consideration such as ambulance and Medics (for runs with 200-300 people), police department and public works. We will develop a total package fee schedule and will see the data sheet for those hosting the events. These were often handled more informally. Now we will have more details available such as contact info, insurance info and number of attendees involved.

Mr. DiBuonaventuro stated that the fee schedule (corrected at January 21, 2009 meeting to read *fee schedule for services other than 5 and 10 k packages*) was approved last week and asked, if the committee puts together the package prices and a la carte prices, do we need to take it to the Board for approval of the fee schedule to which Ms. Gleason answered yes.

Mr. Norcini stated that Hiliary is the Recreation Coordinator. When prospective hosts for these events call, typically they will be asked if the run is starting at Mill Road Park, etc. We need to have general permit fee which covers internal costs for the hours Hiliary is involved. Sometimes people like to have the event in the park parking lot of which we do not approve. We can state that there are no internal park runs. Hiliary will go to you with these issues.

Cpl. Moore discussed that the last run we participated in was on Thanksgiving morning. We were fortunate since there was very little traffic due to the holiday. We had it under control with limited access on West Valley Road. We had the potential for problems which would have required additional cars. But this was successful.

## **C. Speed Sentry Activity**

Cpl. Moore discussed the smart trailer which is used on a daily basis dependent on the weather conditions. We have tried it in hazardous areas where vehicles were travelling at 55mph and over in a 35 mph zone. Speed Sentrys are back up. We have one that was requested for Summerhill. We had a request for North Valley Force Road, Chesterbrook Boulevard and Anthony Wayne Drive. All devices are up and running. We will continue to monitor Brookmead.

*Approval of the November 19 minutes.*