

Tredyffrin Township Traffic Committee Meeting
January 21, 2009
7:30am

The Tredyffrin Township Traffic Committee Meeting was held on Wednesday, January 21, 2009. The following committee members were present:

John DiBuonaventuro	Township Supervisor
Mimi Gleason	Township Manager
Tom Scott	Asst. Township Manager
Steve Norcini	Public Works Director
Erin McPherson	Township Engineer
Sgt. Ed Spiller	Traffic Sergeant
Cpl. Kevin Moore	Traffic Corporal

Those present from the community were:

Liz MacGibbon	12 Lakeview Circle
Don Copeland	167 Daylesford Blvd.
Peggy Layden	361 Coldstream
Heidi Yeager	T/E School District
Cheryl Bergsma	271 Irish Road
Toni Pulcini	T/E School District / Transportation
Brian Kraidman	Krapf Bus Company
Tom McCarey	Daylesford Hills

Audience Concerns

Audience was asked for any concerns. Mr. Copeland and Ms. MacGibbon of Daylesford Lake requested assistance on issue of people parking on streets and speeding. Discussion of possibility of speed bumps discussed. Mr. DiBuonaventuro has called in tickets while walking his dog due to individuals running stop signs. The concern is understandable. There was a previous incident in which were told could not ticket since it was private property. The case went to District Court then the Court of Common Pleas.

Cpl. Moore stated if we can get an agreement in place we could get permission to do it. We will exchange numbers and a letter will be needed from Board of Supervisors. It will be given to District Court and will give police authority to take action.

Mr. McCarey asked how police department liked the smaller Dodge Chargers and response was everyone likes them.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Name Change – Morris Road has been changed to Morris Drive

Emmy Baldassare stated that Shire Pharmaceutical was preparing their emergency plan and called the county and were told the road was Morris Drive while our index says Morris Road. This is the reason for the name change. It has been corrected in our index.

B. Chesterbrook & SB 202 on/off Ramp

Ms. Gleason initiated discussion regarding land development project (University of PA) which will be building a building just south of the NB on/off ramp. As part of the HOP permit from PennDOT, PennDOT is requesting a light at the SB on/off ramp. There is a back up there at rush hour. The traffic light will be worse in the morning but improving in the pm rush hour. The Penn facility won't add much to that intersection. Regarding the permit for sidewalk, the township engineer is opposing it. We believe it will make the situation worse. Police Department is opposing as well as Board of Supervisors opposing.

C. Fairview and Upper Gulph Road - Vehicles Obstructing

Ongoing parking problem discussed. Initially it was due to barbershop at that location. Cpl Moore has received calls about it. The caller reports difficulty in entering the neighborhood during the day and evening hours, most recently, this past Saturday evening. The caller believed emergency vehicles would not be able to safely proceed in the area. Saturday it was due to party. There has been a problem with a college house in that location. Patrols have been alerted and will continue to be on the lookout.

Police Department has been studying activity on Route 30. Public Works has painted 25 mph as of June 23, 2008. Speed Sentry activity shows effective since fastest speed we received was 40 mph rather than 48.

Sgt Spiller commented that we have had no accidents during the last couple of snowstorms which is a compliment to public works. There was a refreeze yesterday and we had no accidents then either.

Corporal Moore mentioned in years past Penn Dot took care of that. They have not been getting out there like they should. There is a contractor situation. Mr. Norcini stated they closed down Old Eagle School so public works could take care of it.

Mr. DiBuonaventuro is requesting Paul Drucker to come here to discuss the situation as it is unacceptable.

OLD BUSINESS

A. 5k and 10k Race Packages

Lt. Giaimo has the packets done. He is at Whitemarsh today but they will be forwarded to Mr. DiBuonaventuro.

Cpl. Moore discussed speed sentry activity. We are seeing a bit of a speed increase especially the one on Irish Road. Replacement batteries are needed. We appreciate the community assistance we are receiving.

Representative Paul Drucker will be asked to a meeting and we will get police and public works involved as well.

Discussion ensued regarding milling issue on Devon State Road. Question was asked of Mr. Norcini if letter was sent to Bob Laird. Mr. Norcini did not believe police accident data supported request. Discussion of road repaving ensued. Different material was used. It was agreed that we still have to have accident data to support the action. Mr. DiBuonaventuro stated that we know when it was milled the accidents were down and we should not have to wait for accidents to occur.

Mr. Norcini stated that we do need the data to support this. It can take a couple of years for the milling to polish.

There was further discussion as to whether we actually had fewer accidents prior to repaving.

Mr. DiBuonaventuro stated we would like to put on the record that we have concerns and Sgt. Spiller stated that we will make sure to keep on top of it.

Sgt. Spiller asked if traffic light by Sims can be put on flash to which Mr. Norcini stated it is a normal permit change. Please get him specific times.

Cpl. Moore stated that there is an open house on the 27th at the Vanguard School from 6 to 9 pm. They asked for a traffic detail for this event. Cpl. Moore will be attending.

Ms. Gleason stated that the Church Road Bridge is on the funding list. The County has been planning that but we did not have the funds previously, but now the funds are available.

Correction (Page 4, Paragraph 2) was made to minutes of December 17, 2008 meeting to read:

Mr. DiBuonaventuro stated that the 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.