



Tredyffrin Township Traffic Committee Meeting
Wednesday, November 18, 2009
7:30am

The Tredyffrin Township Traffic Committee Meeting was held on Wednesday, November 18, 2009. The following committee members were present:

Mimi Gleason	Township Manager
Steve Burgo	Township Engineer
Lt. Anthony Giaimo	Administrative Lieutenant
Sgt. Ed Spiller	Traffic Sergeant
Cpl. Kevin Moore	Traffic Corporal

Those present from the community were:

Heidi Yeager	T/E School District
Bob Haver	North Valley Road
Dominick Nudy	Meadowbrook Road
Cheryl Bergsma	Irish Road, Berwyn

1. AUDIENCE CONCERNS

Mr. Nudy of Meadowbrook asked about the status of removal of the left turn sign discussed at previous meetings. Cpl. Moore and Sgt. Spiller looked into the issue. PennDOT was reluctant to make the change. The sign has been there for 20 years. Mr. Nudy spoke with someone at PennDOT who was not aware of the reasons for initial placement of signage at that location. Cpl. Moore stated it was a result of a club that was there. Lt. Giaimo will check with PennDOT. If the sign is removed for convenience and someone is struck we are liable. We spoke with Mr. Lutz. Ms. Gleason informed the group that state law would consider us liable because we made the change. Lt. Giaimo suggested that we request a study. Mr. Nudy was asked to leave contact info so Lt. Giaimo can contact him. We will see if PennDOT can state there is no additional liability if the change is made.

Bob Haver of 1300 N. Valley Road was at the Great Valley Association meeting and made the suggestion regarding the intersection of North Valley and Swedesford Road. For cars making left turn off of Swedesford Road, it would be helpful to have dotted lines on the road for tracking and keeping vehicles in the lane. It would make a safer turn going in both

directions, preventing individuals from cutting corners. Lt. Giaimo stated it must go through PennDOT. We did place tracking lines as a result of suggestion. It is much easier to paint the lines than have removal of signs approved.

2. NEW BUSINESS

A. Relocate Bus Stop

Request was received to relocate bus stop on Old Eagle School road to another location. We are moving this to T/E Transportation in order to decide if it can be done and if it is warranted. Since Ethan Welsh, the 7 year-old was struck, there has been a bit of concern. There has been some misinformation regarding this event. The driver of the vehicle was not going 70 mph; they were travelling at 30 mph. He was not dropped off by the bus; He was walking with his mother and siblings. He is still at Children's Hospital and fortunately, is coming along. We would like PennDOT to take a closer look at this issue.

We would like to see a speed reduction of 35mph so the traffic team can intercede. Cpl. Moore mentioned in particular the area of Pugh Road. This is always a potential accident situation. The suggestion was made consider resurfacing which forces drivers to slow down.

There is currently a Speed Sentry box in place in order to retrieve some data which will be available for the next meeting.

Per Ms. Gleason, public works is working on the light at Old Eagle School and Strafford.

B. Route 30 and 252 Update

Mr. Burgo discussed the issue of the township working with PennDOT to complete a feasibility study. We received technical proposals from four firms and singled out 3. Interviews were held and we had a consensus on one firm. We will hopefully have this process wrapped up in the next month. We will hold a public meeting sometime in January.

C. Other New Business - School Safety

Lt. Giaimo had noticed driving through Lower Providence school zones, there are new flat panel Speed Sentrys. We obtained one as a sample so it will be seen around the township. We are hoping to have the school agree to take a look at it and see if it can be worked into the budget.

We are looking at some grants related to school safety. This is a joint effort. Ms. Gleason discussed grant related to pedestrian safety / safe routes to school and our sidewalk project.

Cpl. Moore stated that we have received many requests for Speed Sentry at the corner of Conestoga Road and Cassatt. We will place a new unit there.

Lt. Giaimo stated we have contacted the school district and are asking that students riding the school buses be encouraged. T/E is not built for the volume of traffic currently experienced. The volume is not as bad in the afternoon as in the morning and rainy days.

Some parents would prefer the children ride the bus but the most common complaint is that pick up time is too early.

Cpl. Moore and Officer Konieczny had formal instruction class with the crossing guards in the school district. Florescent safety vests were provided and we spent an hour last week at Anthony Wayne and Walker.

Mr. Burgo will be back in December providing more info on the sidewalks. There is a meeting scheduled next week with the school district and PennDOT. It would be valuable to have Lt. Giaimo present at that meeting. They are estimating completion date as sometime in May or June. He has been speaking to Ryan Gallagher and they are looking to hold off on some of the construction until spring. He will let everyone know the status in December.

The Walker Road Speed Sentry info came back. Cpl. Moore had boxes at Anthony Wayne Drive and one east of the Elementary School. The average speed for eastbound traffic is 26.9, and is 30.3 for westbound. We didn't see excessive speeds. It has not changed since 2008 and has actually come down compared to the same time period in 2008. The freshly painted crosswalks, signs and crossing guards are all effective.

With the bridge being open on Valley Forge the volumes may go up. We make sure they know we are still out there.

3. OLD BUSINESS

A. Tractor Trailers – Damage to Deepdale Properties

Cpl. Moore visited the site yesterday. All those streets that intersect Old Eagle are marked with advisements to trucks that bridge is ahead. The situation is clear. With E. Conestoga and Upper Gulph, it meets PennDOT standards. Roads are properly posted.

Ms. Gleason requested that Cpl. Moore respond today with cc to her. Please include Nina Regis on the response. Cpl. Moore will make sure they get his response

4. *Minutes of the October 21, 2009 meeting approved.*

Meeting adjourned 8:03