

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

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

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:

Bill Davis	Chesterbrook
Cheryl Bergsma	271 Irish Road, Berwyn
Laurie Elliott	788 Worthington Road, Wayne
Andy Wilson	101 E. Lancaster Avenue, Paoli
Tom McCarey	Daylesford Hills
Thomas Klinger	201 Winthrop Lane, Wayne
Richard Sharpless	637 Conestoga, Berwyn
Heidi Yeager	T/E School District - Transportation
Toni Pulcini	T/E School District - Transportation

AUDIENCE CONCERNS

Discussion of resident complaint regarding Conestoga Road truck route and damage to Railroad bridge on Howellville Road because due to trucks using road as shortcut. Lt. Giaimo asked if this is seen more frequently to which resident responded that it has been. Suggestion was made to place "low clearance" signs in this area.

Mr. Klinger, resident of Wayne expressed concern to Cpl. Moore regarding accident his wife was involved in on January 31st between 6:30 and 7:00 p.m. Accident was due to erroneous signage. Traveling north on North Wayne Avenue there is no signage indicating the road stops and road ends and boulders at the end. Accident destroyed vehicle. (Upper Gulph & N. Wayne Avenue)

Cpl. Moore was aware of this accident and made same observations. Signs have come down and adequate warning signs are needed (traffic signals, chevrons, etc.). Cpl. Moore has contacted

Public Works department who should be working on it as soon as possible. All have agreed something needs to be done about the situation.

Mr. Norcini stated that sign requirements meet requirements for permit. Public Works looked at it last year. The sign showing left turn is for Academy – not North Wayne. Suggestion was made that perhaps Lt. Giaimo and Mr. Norcini could meet at that location and meet with Cpl. Moore.

Mr. Klinger disagrees with the signage for Academy. It is actually past Academy and not in the correct position. Mr. Norcini agrees and it will be resolved.

Resident Laurie Elliott Glen Hardie resident expressed concern over turnpike expansion (Colonel DeWees Road and Glenhardie Road) regarding visibility/sight distance issues of vehicles going South on Glen Hardie Road and effect of new Turnpike Bridge. Request was made to review accident data. Lt. Giaimo will review it and will get back to Mr. Elliott. Will be roundtable discussion on the 26th.

Resident Cherly Bergsma expressed concern regarding Speed Sentry at Irish Road and battery life of same was discussed. Cpl. Moore will take care of this matter.

Resident Bill Davis of Chesterbrook discussed two near accidents in Gateway Shopping Center crosswalk area. If in parking lot area it is not within jurisdiction to be handled by Public Works Department but can take a look at details and will be discussed.

Mr. Sharpless of Berwyn discussed **concrete wall** getting hit. If continues will fall on tracks. Mr. Norcini stated it is due for inspection (every 2 years).

NEW BUSINESS

A. Closing Valley Forge Road Bridge – March '09 – November '09

Discussion of bridge closing from March 2 – November 6, 2009. Have had meetings with turnpike people and will keep traffic on state roadways. Should be on Valley Forge Road to Swedesford. Signs will be visible.

Discussion of police department detail. Upper Merion will also be involved. Will be looking at congested points. Turnpike expansion could add another 5,000 vehicles daily. Would be helpful to mention at roundtable discussion.

B. Mill Road Bridge closing March 2010

Will be closing around the same time in 2010. Similar issues will be evident. Mr. Burgo has been working on this issue and will be trying to keep traffic off of local roadways.

Ms. Gleason stated that when bridge is removed will be taking place in evening hours. Lt. Giaimo mentioned that will have to be imploded and have two lanes open and is expected to be done in 4 hours.

Mr. Norcini mentioned that Aqua PA posted closure of Old Eagle School Road. Pre-construction meeting this morning. Water line is being replaced and will be going on until summer.

C. Roadway Contribution Solicitation

Every Spring the township is inundated with people who wish to solicit from roadway. This activity is actually prohibited as it is dangerous. We do not allow it along Route 30 and suggest shopping centers, supermarkets, but not allowed in roadway per vehicle code/safety concerns.

D. Flashing School Sign on N. Valley Road

Resident Sandy Shea contacted department requesting “school” speed limit sign. Sgt. Spiller suggested school sign. This will be a Penn DOT issue. School sign, not school speed limit, should be sufficient. Cpl. Moore stated enforcement will continue in the area. There are not a lot of violators during school times especially. This issue came up 2 or 3 years ago. Issue will be discussed as it relates to cost of installation, permit process, etc. according to Mr. Norcini.

E. North Wayne Avenue @ Upper Gulph Road (intersection signage)

(Previously discussed – See “Audience Concerns” Paragraph 2)

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Cpl. Moore has received calls regarding school bus violations at Colonel DeWees and Baron Dekalb intersection situation.
- B. Discussed vehicles crossing double lines at (?) due to construction in roadways for two days. East Whiteland was notified between 29 and Cedar Hollow. Caution needs to be exercised.
- C. Request for Speed Sentry on Howellville – good data is being received as result of speed sentry boxes. Still rotating them in order to prevent complacency.
- D. Discussion of 5k and 10k packages. Lt. Giaimo stated entire package has been completed. It will set standard for insurance, contact info as well as other issues.
- E. Mr. Norcini discussed response from PennDOT regarding microsurfacing. Were unable to provide data regarding skid resistance. Issue is being looked into further. If committee feels it is necessary will investigate issue further.

Approval of January 21, 2009 minutes.