



Tredyffrin Township Traffic Committee Meeting
Wednesday, February 17, 2010
7:30 a.m.

The Tredyffrin Township Traffic Committee Meeting was held on Wednesday, February 17, 2010. The following committee members were present:

Mimi Gleason	Township Manager
Tom Scott	Asst. Township Manager
Steve Norcini	Public Works Director
Lt. Anthony Giaimo	Administrative Lieutenant
Sgt. Tim Barrar	Traffic Sergeant
Cpl. Kreg Isleib	Traffic Corporal
Ofc. Tyler Moyer	Traffic Officer

Those present from the community were:

Toni Pulcini	T/E School District Transportation
Peggy Layden	361 Coldstream
Cheryl Bergsma	Irish Road, Berwyn

1. AUDIENCE CONCERNS

Lt. Giaimo opened the meeting by asking for any audience concerns.

- A. Traffic Unit - Announcement was made regarding the new traffic unit of the police department. Officer Tyler Moyer, Sgt. Tim Barrar and Cpl. Kreg Isleib were introduced.
- B. Snowstorm/Public Works - Ms. Pulcini thanked Mr. Norcini and the Public Works crew for all of their hard work in keeping the community safe during recent snowstorms. The School District appreciates it and so do the drivers. All the hard work, especially in the middle school area, is greatly appreciated.
- C. Speed Sentry - Ms. Bergsma thanked the committee for Speed Sentries and asked if the range can be adjusted. Cpl. Isleib has made some adjustments and will check them again.

2. NEW BUSINESS

A. One Way Reversal of Meadowbrook Road

Lt. Giaimo discussed previous request for removal of the no left turn restriction on Meadowbrook. Research indicated PennDOT was not comfortable with the removal due to issues, including liability. About 14 residents contacted PennDOT about one-way reversal of a section of Meadowbrook. Don Cianfrani thought this may be a viable alternative.

Lt. Giamo has contacted some residents. If the direction is reversed, increased traffic coming off of Route 30 is expected. If vehicles attempt to bypass the intersection, Meadowbrook would become congested. Historically, the traffic committee addresses safety issues and this issue pertains more to convenience rather than safety. Traffic Unit agrees and Sgt. Barrar believes we would see a significant increase in accidents due to making the left turn, thereby creating a potential safety issue.

This issue will be placed on hold. In early Spring we can go out and do a sight distance study and investigate further.

B. Recap of Response to February Blizzards

Thank you to Public Works Department, Police Department and Fire Department for a job well done during blizzard. It was a tremendous idea to have a truck go out on a number of Fire Company calls. Communication between the departments was flawless. Mr. Norcini stated Dean Wilkins added a positive dimension in staying in contact with EMS. We have a scanner that picks up Berwyn and Paoli Fire Co. which enables the department to hear what's going on as it is occurring and, thanks to Lt. Giaimo, the Public Works Department also has a police radio.

A major concern is private contractors pushing snow onto private property. At Home Properties and various townhouse organizations, apartments and single homes, there were complaints of contractors pushing snow out, sometimes leaving a 10 foot wall of snow. Sometimes the Public Works Department receives calls on this complaint throughout the night after they have completed plowing the area. We must develop a process for handling this issue.

Lt. Giaimo discussed the possibility of contacting management companies in advance of this situation. We have contacted one school in the township that blocked the road with a huge snow boulder and gave notice of the hazard this creates.

Vehicle Code in relation to this issue was discussed along with possibility of heavier ordinance in the future. Sgt. Barrar suggested fall registration of private contractors whereby business owners would be cited if unregistered.

Mr. Norcini discussed parking restrictions during storm and suggested we discuss various levels of enforcement when snow reaches a certain level. Police Department had to be contacted regarding abandoned cars in intersections. Even parking on fairly wide street is problematic. Lt. Giaimo suggested an after action meeting. Public Works will have their post-storm meeting.

Ms. Gleason suggested we also reach out to residents regarding actions that can be taken to assist. Even taking trash cans in during snowstorm makes a difference.

- C. Discussion of signage on bridge – reflective tape on guiderail (chevrons and mph sign with arrow as opposed to “yield” sign). It is a two-lane bridge. Possibly a single yellow line may help.

3. OLD BUSINESS

None.

- 4. *Approval of minutes from the January 20, 2010 meeting.*