



Tredyffrin Township Traffic Committee Meeting
Wednesday, May 19, 2010
7:30 a.m.

The Tredyffrin Township Traffic Committee Meeting was held on Wednesday, May 19, 2010. The following committee members were present:

John DiBuonaventuro	Township Supervisor
Mimi Gleason	Township Manager
Tom Scott	Asst. Township Manager
Steve Norcini	Public Works Director
Steve Burgo	Township Engineer
Erin McPherson	Asst. Township Engineer
Sgt. Tim Barrar	Traffic Sergeant
Cpl. Kreg Isleib	Traffic Corporal

Those present from the community were:

Peggy Layden
Cheryl Bergsma
Rich Sherwin

1. AUDIENCE CONCERNS

Mr. Sherwin of Maple Hill Lane requested stop sign on Wisteria at cross section of Wyndtree going into Maple Hill. At Wyndtree and Wisteria is school bus stop. Options were discussed regarding 4-way stop or stop sign. Mr. Norcini distributed map.

Sgt. Barrar stated this issue has been addressed in the past and does not meet warrants thru PennDOT. There is a sight distance issue. A stop sign placed there may create a false sense of security. We can review other possible signage.

The major issue is children waiting for the bus. Mr. Norcini reviewed the location. Existing signs will be upgraded. We will look into putting up additional "SCHOOL

BUS AHEAD” signs. We have to go through warrants, requirements to justify stop sign, including review of amount of traffic and history.

Other possible locations for bus stop were discussed. If homeowners association decides to change location of bus stop, we can review it then make a request to the school district.

Mr. Norcini stated that we usually place street markings in more commercial areas, but not all residents of Maple Hill would appreciate those markings. “SCHOOL BUS STOP AHEAD” signs would be appropriate.

Mr. Sherwin will take a letter to the homeowners association and come to the meeting next month.

Ms. Bergsma thanked the department for enforcement on Irish. The stop signs have helped. Some comments have been noted regarding parking enforcement signs on Lisbeth Lane. Neighbors have said cars are parking on wrong side, parking by fire hydrants almost every day. Enforcement is requested.

2. NEW BUSINESS

A. Valley Forge Road & Walker Road (Pedestrian Crossing)

A request was received to make pedestrian crossing at Valley Forge Road and Walker 4-way. Sgt. Barrar reviewed the location. The heaviest volume of pedestrians are kids who have a crossing guard. After that time, what we have there now is more than adequate. There’s always a walk light. Kids are protected at appropriate times. Pedestrians are forgetting they have obligations too. Pedestrians need to follow cross walks and use the designated time to cross when light is green and safe. Request is denied.

B. North Valley Road @ Paoli Train Station (Pedestrian Crossing)

Mr. Wilson is out of the country. We will table this until he can attend the meeting here next month.

3. OLD BUSINESS

A. Site Distance Issue on Upper Gulph and Henry Ave.

This is a matter of updating ordinance so we can enforce. This will be presented when we redo several ordinances – at a minimum of 114 feet to the east - preferred 161. Will post no parking area. We need ordinance to do that. Sight distance issue of parked

vehicles was discussed. We can enforce now but may be challenged until ordinance is changed.

- B. **Snow Emergency Routes** – We will table this until Lt. Giaimo returns. This was discussed earlier in week at staff meeting. We will address it again when Lt. Giaimo gets back next month.
- C. Mr. Norcini discussed two items that were not on the agenda: Email received from Cheswold Village concerning intersection at Swedesford and DuPortail – light positioned on left. The lights are positioned per PennDOT’s permit. Mr. Norcini asks for it to be looked at and let him know if you have heard anything. This has been addressed.

Chesterbrook Blvd. has a signal white line and gore markings designating shoulder. The plan was to put in a bike lane. We are doing double yellow lines and will also do single white along Chesterbrook Blvd. Suggestion was made to install single white only and not repaint gore markings which signify road shoulder and eventually allow 18” gores to fade. The police department has no concerns regarding this request. We are due to paint next year. We will put in the white line.

There was a discussion on whether the board would want to put sidewalks there and whether or not residents would want that. We have received some requests but not many.

D. Sidewalks Project Update

Mr. Burgo continues to meet with contractor regarding efforts to control traffic. Work is progressing on Conestoga between Margot and T/E Middle School, doing testing on Old Lancaster Road. The next step is work on Irish Road as well.

We have received minimal comments regarding traffic control. It seems to be working. After last meeting, had traffic safety assessment regarding 252 Amtrak Bridge – viewed all types of traffic conditions for two-day period. Data collection was done at intersection to develop alternatives.

We will have public meeting for Paoli Business Community and residents on May 25 at 7 pm at Delaware Valley Friends School. We are hoping to get a good turnout for public input. Notices have been on public access, township website and Facebook.

North Valley and Swedesford Rd. - Last week was meeting regarding turnpike’s plans for Mill Road Bridge. In 2011 bridge will be demolished and rebuilt. The bridge will be out from March thru November. There were several meetings with PennDOT and recommendation was made for temporary 4-way stop. Depending on the outcome, PennDOT may consider making it permanent.

Mr. DiBuonaventuro stated this is not as much of a concern as rerouting traffic to Route 29. That wouldn't work. If people can use North Valley and Swedesford, that is preferred.

Turnpike commission is being asked to look at analysis. We will give them our data. A few years ago a 4-way stop was considered but it was rejected.

Traffic unit was at a stretch of North Valley for a month. We need 2 officers to do intersection. Alternate plan was discussed regarding number of officers, length of time and cost of project.

Permit parking on a section of Conestoga Road was discussed. We will need to make an ordinance change since there won't be room to park in the future. There is not much room there with sidewalk and curbing being put in.

4. Approval of April 21, 2010 meeting minutes.

Meeting adjourned 8:20 a.m.