

**East Hempfield Township  
Traffic Commission Minutes**

**Date and Time: May 18, 2016                      6:15 p.m.**

Commission members in attendance: H. Scott Russell, John Bingham, Stephen Skiles and Ed LeFevre.

Others present: Cindy Schweitzer, Perry Madonna, and Andrew Stern.

Absent: Robert Krimmel

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 pm by Mr. Russell, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public Comment:** none

**Old Business:** none

**New Business:**

Paddington Drive/Nolt Road traffic concern – A letter was received from Craig Schnee and Sandra Smith, 805 Paddington Drive expressing their concern about parked cars on Paddington Drive as you exit Nolt Road and the potential for an accident because of the curvature of the roadway and limited lighting. Discussion was held and the Commission desires to better understand the issue and requests staff to reach out to the property owner where the cars are parked. The item was tabled to allow further research.

Lime Spring Square/Outin Tract (Rohrerstown Road/Noll Drive – Mike O'Brien, Oak Tree Development Group and Craig Mellott, Traffic Planning and Design explained that after scoping meetings with PennDOT they have four feedback items to review with the Township:

1.Traffic Signal Systems (PennDOT TIS comment #8) – Mr. Mellott reviewed the potential options for traffic signals. The commission supports the suggestions of the developer and PennDOT and desires the developer to move forward with the new PennDOT flashing yellow, provided there is an educational initiative for motorists regarding the new signal, with the appropriate signage.

2.Pedestrian and Bicycle Accommodations along Route 741 (PennDOT TIS Comment #10) – Mr. Mellott explained that the corridor where improvements will occur will have 4' shoulders where feasible. Pedestrian accommodations will be provided at signalized intersections with bicycles accommodated via the improved shoulders. The Commission agreed that bike lanes along the Route 741 corridor are not desirable.

3.Marginal LOS Degradations (PennDOT IT comments #16 and #17) – Mr. Mellott explained that a reduction of LOS B to LOS C will occur at the Noll Drive/Rt. 741 and Embassy Drive/Rt. 741 intersections, after build out. Moving from a LOS B to C is equivalent to 10 additional seconds of wait time. The Commission feels that since both Columbia Ave./Rt. 741 and Marietta Ave./Rt. 741 intersections are currently a LOS F, moving from LOS B to C in the middle is fairly insignificant and within tolerances.

4. Roundabout Proposal (PennDOT TIS comment #18) – The Commission indicated their support of moving forward with the roundabout at Running Pump Road/Noll Drive/Old Tree Drive.

Mr. O'Brien provided the Township with a draft response letter to PennDOT. The Commission supports signing the letter after it is modified to reflect the discussing this evening.

**Minutes:**

Motioned by Mr. Bingham, seconded by Mr. LeFevre and carried 3-0-1 (Chief Skiles abstaining due to absence) to accept the minutes of March 16, 2016 as submitted.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned by the unanimous consent of the Commission.

Meeting adjourned at 6:47 pm.

Submitted by: Cindy Schweitzer,  
Assistant Township Manager