

**East Hempfield Township
Traffic Commission Minutes**

Date and Time: March 15, 2017

6:15 p.m.

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

Others present: Robert Krimmel, Perry Madonna, Jon Beck and Cindy Schweitzer.

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

Public Comment:

Glenn and Sherrie Ferrel, Hunters Path expressed their concern regarding excessive speed, particularly during rush hour and weekends. They suggest a possible 4-way stop at Chapel Forge. Chief Skiles noted that the police do occasional speed checks in this area and will temporarily place the speed sign to monitor traffic speeds. A 4-way stop would need to meet criteria. Chief Skiles was not aware of a crash history or site distance issue in this area but will review

Old Business:

The Crossings at Conestoga (standing agenda item) – Brainstorming short-term ideas included raised sidewalks at the park trail crossings (About \$4,000 each), 4-way stop sign at Farmingdale and Irwin (if warrant criteria can be met-possibly a site distance issue), adding a speed table between rail crossing and Marietta (negative could be noise and plowing). Staff is working on the baseline traffic study.

Motioned by Mr. LeFevre, seconded by Chief Skiles and unanimously carried to authorize staff to reach out to LCSWMA concerning sharing the cost of raised walkways on Farmingdale Road.

Motioned by Chief Skiles, seconded by Mr. LeFevre and unanimously carried to request McCormick Taylor to perform a traffic study to determine if the intersection of Farmingdale Road and Irwin Avenue warrants a 4-way stop.

New Business:

Spring Valley Road/Rohrerstown Road intersection – An email was received from Lisa Rudolph, expressing concern about the traffic/turning violations that have been observed by her at this intersection. Chief Skiles had patrol officers monitor the intersection on several occasions and no violations were observed during those visits. A review of crash history showed no accidents pertaining to turning movement violations. Mr. Madonna indicated that PennDOT has studied this intersection on at least 3 occasions. Police will continue to have a presence but no further action is warranted. Mr. Krimmel will respond back to Ms. Rudolph.

Embassy Drive Parking Study - Chief Skiles explained the concern of the police department and the results of his traffic study concerning the parking issues on Embassy Drive. He reviewed the PennDOT (publication 212) conditions related to traffic control devices pointing out if a particular condition is or is not met. Chief Skiles reported that Embassy Drive meets at least one of the conditions required to restrict parking. Therefore, parking could be restricted along the entire length of this section of the road. At a minimum, Chief Skiles recommendation is to restrict parking from Rohrerstown Road east to the driveway for 2137 and 2148 Embassy Drive. This would prohibit parking on the curve and elevated portion of the road where 7 driveways/intersections are located. The pros and cons were discussed.

Motioned by Chief Skiles seconded by Mr. Bingham and unanimously carried to establish no parking signage along both sides of Embassy Drive from Rohrerstown Road to Good Drive.

Kevin Morrison request for brake retarder restrictions on Junction and Landisville Roads as well as complaints concerning speed, traffic, noise and lack of attention by the Township and police. – Chief Skiles reviewed past Township responses to areas on Junction Road. He also relayed the results of more recent enforcement and observations along Junction Road. Chief Skiles reviewed the process to prohibit brake retarders. At this point in time there is no validation for brake retarder restrictions on this roadway and speed does not appear to be an issue. This area like all others in the Township will continue to be monitored. The Commission felt that no further action is necessary.

Pending:

Sara Brubaker (Church Street) - The Township received a letter from PennDOT which indicated that they would be doing a safety study in the 700 Block of Church Street with the results to follow.

Minutes:

Motioned by Mr. LeFevre seconded by Chief Skiles and unanimously carried to approve the January 18, 2017 minutes as presented.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:05pm by the unanimous consent of the Commission.

Submitted by: Robert Krimmel,
Township Manager/Secretary