

**East Hempfield Township**  
**Traffic Commission Minutes, Four Seasons Banquet Facility**  
**949 Church Street, Landisville PA**  
**Date and Time: March 20, 2019 6:00 p.m.**

Commission members in attendance: Douglas Brubaker, G. Edward LeFevre, and H. Scott Russell.

Others Present: Perry Madonna, Jon Beck, Diane Garber and Lt. Jennifer Brubaker

**Action items:**

December 29, 2019 minutes – Motioned by Mr. Russell, seconded by Mr. LeFevre and unanimously carried (3-0) to ***accept*** the minutes of December 19, 2018.

**Old Business:**

Farmingdale Road – McMahon Associates (Chris Bauer)

- Short term improvements (post study analysis) – recommendation from McMahon on type and location of speed humps/tables for Farmingdale – Chris Bauer, McMahon Associates reviewed last year’s studies concerning traffic calming at Farmingdale and surrounding neighborhoods and compared them to current findings. In the past, 58% of the traffic was traveling at a 10 mph increase over the speed limit. Currently, more than 50% of traffic is traveling at 3-5 mph over the speed limit. Speed tables have reduced speed by 5-6 mph. The one-lane yield has reduced speeds by 9-10 mph. Within other neighborhoods, speed humps have reduced speeds between 3-5 mph. Traffic on Barr Blvd and Barr Crest is currently traveling close to posted speed limit. He has concluded that what has been deployed has been very effective. Differences between different types of speed tables, speed bumps and speed humps were clarified and discussed. At the last Traffic Commission meeting, Mr. Bauer was asked to consider the next steps and the following are his recommendations:
  - At all locations where there are temporary speed humps, make them permanent. These have been very effective because they are very visual on the roadway and people have been tending to slow down. The cost for installation, which would be blacktop, with the pavement markings would be \$4,000-\$4,500 for each speed hump.
  - Remove one-lane yield and add one additional speed hump.

Several residents asked for further information pertaining to speed humps, speed bumps and speed tables, requesting clarification on how they will reduce speed 3-5 mph, continued monitoring of speed and adjustments to the location of speed limit signage. Clarification was provided that the permanent speed humps/bumps will be in place regardless of the long-term options being discussed because there will always be northbound traffic on Farmingdale Road.

Motion was made by Mr. LeFevre, seconded by Mr. Russell and carried unanimously (3-0) to ***authorize*** Chris Bauer to look at other options along the lines of widening/raising the speed humps to give a little more leeway and to also consider adding an additional device on Farmingdale.

- Long-term study – status update – Mr. Bauer reported the long-term project has been progressing and a meeting is scheduled with PennDOT for April 10<sup>th</sup> to further discuss restricting southbound traffic on Farmingdale at Oreville. Good Drive will require a new traffic signal due to volume of traffic going down Oreville and a full right turn lane will be made to redirect traffic onto Good. Improvements are needed on Marietta which include right turns going westbound and then southbound. At that time we will be able to separate traffic volumes and better manage the queues. Mr. Bauer noted it will probably be late summer until permits are received from PennDOT.

**New Business:**

- Stony Battery Road – consideration of limiting truck traffic between Kauffman and Harrisburg Pike – Jon Beck reported that with recent developments on Stony Battery Road, staff has looked at how truck traffic will impact township residents. Staff is asking the Traffic Commission to consider restricting truck traffic (local or deliveries only) north of Kauffman Road to Main Street because large trucks, tractor trailers and buses cannot navigate the intersection at Main Street and Stony Battery Road. Mr. Beck stated that the West Hempfield Township Chief of Police provided information pertaining to state restrictions and informed him that what East Hempfield Township is considering will have no impact on West Hempfield Township. In conclusion, Mr. Beck stated Mrs. Schweitzer has reached out to Chief Skiles who stated a traffic study would most likely need to be done in order to put up a truck restriction with local traffic only, and requested that the Traffic Commission authorize staff to conduct a simple traffic study.

Motion was made by Mr. LeFevre, seconded by Mr. Russell and carried unanimously (3-0) to *authorize* staff to conduct a simple traffic study.

**Public Comment (residents or tax payers only – comments limited to 3 minutes) -**

None

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m. by the unanimous consent of the Commission.

Submitted: Cindy A. Schweitzer  
Township Manager/Secretary