

East Hempfield Township
Traffic Commission Minutes, Four Seasons Banquet Facility
949 Church Street, Landisville PA
Date and Time: June 20, 2018 6:15 p.m.

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

Others present: Perry Madonna, Jon Beck, Diane Garber, Cindy Schweitzer and Officer Sandman.

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

Public Comments:

John Hess, Kestrel Drive indicated his support of changing the timing at the light at Harrisburg Pike/ Good Drive. Mr. Madonna indicated that this intersection will see improvements to the traffic light (adding the 4th leg) due to roadway improvements to be done by Woodcrest Villa. Changes to the light could be looked at as part of this process. The item will be added to the agenda for future tracking.

Old Business:

Indian Springs Drive – traffic/speed study – Chief Skiles reviewed the results of the 4/25-5/2/18 speed study which indicated:

North Bound land: 25 mph zone
Average daily volume: 346 vehicles
Average speed: 31 mph
85th %: 36.64 mph
Greater than 55 mph: 2%

South bound land: 25 mph zone
Average daily volume: 456 vehicles
Average speed: 32 mph
85th %: 39.90 mph
Greater than 55 mph: 6.04%

The traffic commission will hold this information and review after the Centerville Road detour has been removed (October/2018).

Centerville Road detour - Chief Skiles indicated that his department along with public works have provided enforcement and added signage to the route since the closure on 6/11/2018. To date, Chief Skiles indicated that over 80 cars have been stopped for excessive speed or not obeying traffic signs, with 50 citations issued. The officers as well as Chief Skiles have spoken to area residents to better understand and address their concerns when feasible.

New Business:

Pennsylvania State bridge bill – Chris Bauer of McMahon Associates reviewed the Township owned bridges and his suggestion of adding the bridge on Dairy Road to the bridge bill due to its low rating. After discussion it was conclude that the Church Street (Landisville Road) bridge over Amtrak should be added instead of the Dairy Road bridge because of the potential for financial impact when dealing with a bridge over the Amtrak line.

803 Estelle Drive – Kathy Grove, Centerville Family Dental has requested the Township remove the no-parking signage on the west side of the entrance to their facility. She indicated that their business has grown and parking in their lot has become a concern. She felt that taking the sign

away on the western side would allow for parking of two cars (typically employees of the practice). Staff will review to determine any safety concern and report back to the Commission with their findings.

365 East Main Street (intersection of East Main / Elmwood) – Chief Skiles reviewed his memo explaining that he is being proactive regarding potential site distance concerns for those vehicles on Elmwood entering Main Street. Motioned by Mr. Russell, seconded by Mr. LeFevre and unanimously carried to authorize staff to study the intersection to determine necessary site distances and come back to the Commission with recommendations.

330 East Main Street – Mr. Russell also noted some concerns he has heard about the use of on-street parking in front of this business address. His intent is to be proactive and reach out to the business owner and a neighboring property owner to see if employees could use some off-site parking to ease the burden on the parking area.

Traffic intersection comments – Don Gunzenhauser requested that his memo regarding traffic intersections be read into the record as he was unable to attend the meeting:

1. Left turn onto Good Drive from Harrisburg Pike
Feels this intersection needs a flashing yellow arrow or solid green after green arrow goes off to enable left turn with no on-coming traffic.
2. Intersection of Marietta Pike and Good Drive
North/south on Good Drive once green arrows go off the time limit for straight is way too short. One is lucky if eight cars make it through with the exception of cars running the light. It appears to be little traffic on Marietta Pike but traffic on Good is backed up as far as Oreville Road and sometimes as far as the bypass.
3. Intersection of Good Drive and Noll Drive
The light there is way too long coming off Noll. You can sit awhile no traffic coming so I assume there is no time sensor available?? There again I have seen many cars run that light.
4. Intersection of Good Drive and Spring Valley
Traffic is often backed up because of only one lane. One wishing to turn right often has to wait and waste time due to cars turning left. Wondering if could be checked to see if enough room to make official two lanes??
5. Intersection of Good Drive and Parklawn Court
It happens during regular traffic but more often I believe with train crossing happening. People tend to pull into intersection blocking neighborhood traffic from getting in or out. I was wondering if possible to install a DO NOT BLOCK INTERSECTION sign??

Pending:

The Crossings at Conestoga/Farmingdale Road traffic calming:

Chris Bauer, McMahon Transportation Engineers & Planners reviewed his suggestions to address the growing traffic flow to Barr Blvd. He proposes adding 3 speed humps at a cost of \$1500 each. These would be temporary and be removed during the winter months. Mr. Bauer also noted that during his conversations with staff the one-way yield travel lane has been reduced from 13ft. to 11 ft. Removal of the no-left turn was discussed but the consensus of the Commission was that left turns on to Marietta are a safety concern and should remain.

The issue can be reevaluated at a later point in time after the long-term features have been completed.

Mr. Bauer also presented his proposal for Farmingdale Road Long Term Traffic Calming Design work. The proposal included the scope of services, fee (\$98,245) and timeline. The Commission will review in greater detail and provide their recommendation to the Board of Supervisors at their July meeting. When asked, Mr. Bauer estimated the cost of the long term improvements to be \$550,000-\$650,000 (Orville-\$200k-\$250k and Marietta-\$350k-\$400k). He further estimated completion is feasible in 6-8 months (begin in fall, bid in winter and construct in spring of 2019).

Cindy Brodbeck indicated she felt that the homeowners would support creating the mini-round-about since there are small children in the area.

Kathy Ashworth stated she is disappointed that the approved temporary traffic measures (mini-round-about and one-way yield) have not yet been installed on Farmingdale Road and would encourage the Township to follow-thru on that commitment. She also noted a 2007 meeting that was well attended by Farmingdale Road area residents where the Board of Supervisors request a show of hands and the majority of those present supported closure of Farmingdale Road in light of the proposed (at the time) Conestoga Crossings development.

Motioned by Chief Skiles, seconded by Mr. Russell and unanimously carried to authorize staff to purchase and install 3 speed humps as outlined by Mr. Bauer on Barr Blvd and with the acknowledgement that the other temporary traffic features for Farmingdale Road have already been approved. Staff was instructed to move forward with the purchase of the equipment necessary to install the mini-round-about, one-way yield on Farmingdale Road and the three speed humps on Barr Blvd.

Other Pending roadwork listed in the agenda as information, was acknowledge with no further discussion.

New Business:

Meeting start time – Due to the amount of items routinely being discussed the commission agreed to begin the Traffic Commission meetings at 6pm effective with the next meeting on July 18th.

Minutes:

Motioned by Mr. Russell, seconded by Mr. LeFevre and carried by a vote of 3-0-1 (Chief Skiles abstained due to absence) to accept the minutes of April 18, 2018. The notes from the meeting of May 16, 2018 were acknowledged but no action was taken as there was no quorum present at the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:48PM by the unanimous consent of the Commission.

Submitted: Cindy A. Schweitzer
Assistant Township Manager