

**East Hempfield Township
Traffic Commission Minutes**

Date and Time: August 16, 2017

6:15 p.m.

Commission members in attendance: H. Scott Russell, John Bingham Chief Steve Skiles and G. Edward LeFevre.

Others present: Robert Krimmel Perry Madonna and Jon Beck.

Absent: Cindy Schweitzer

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

Public Comment: none

Old Business:

The Crossings at Conestoga/Farmingdale Road – Chris Bauer, McMahon Associates stated his firm is currently in the data collection phase of the Farmingdale Road study. The Charrette is scheduled for September 26th @ 7pm at the Grace Baptist Church.

Mr. Deangelis – Wicklawn Drive questioned and staff confirmed that McMahon Associates will run the Charrette and that the meeting is scheduled from 7-9 but is more of an open house drop-in. Mailers are scheduled to be mailed after Labor Day inviting area residents to the event. There will be at least one follow-up meeting to review findings.

Marvin Reich, Pastor at Grace Baptist Church – Noted the huge change in traffic pattern on Farmingdale Road over the past 40 years. He likes the idea of speed tables at the trail crossing but has concerns if bulb-outs are used between Marietta and the railroad due to the impact to the Church use and local residents.

Embassy Drive signage – Chief Skiles requests changing the existing ‘no parking’ signs to ‘no stopping standing or parking’. Motioned by Chief Skiles, seconded by E. LeFevre to authorize the change of signage as outlined above for the Embassy Drive corridor.

Church Street curve/road surface – Chief Skiles reviewed his memo and speed report summary. 35 MPH is the posted speed in both direction with the average speed indicated at 37-38 MPH. The 85th % is 43 MPH northbound and 42 MPH southbound. This confirms the suspicions that the high accident rate is not speed but a traction issue. The solution would be milling or a friction course of the northbound lane. Mr. Madonna did share that PennDOT does plan to resurface the roadway in 2019. After discussion of the Commission it was suggested that a meeting with Representative Miller be held to explain the concern in an effort to spur more action from PennDOT. Motioned by Chief Skiles, seconded by Mr. Russell and unanimously approved to contact Representative Miller to explain the concerns.

Landisville Alley’s – Chris Bauer reviewed his findings noting that A, C and D Streets in Landisville, based on site distance, are warranted for all-way stops. B Street does not have an issue.

Motioned by Mr. Bingham, seconded by Chief Skiles and unanimously approved to convert A, C and D Streets to all-way stop intersections and to replace the missing stop sign at E Street and Church Street.

New Business: none

Pending:

2100 Block, Columbia Avenue – The letter sent to the County expressing concern about the number of accidents in this area was acknowledged by Email. The County will share the information with PennDOT as their traffic study program moves forward. Follow-up with the County will be necessary as time moves forward.

