East Hempfield Township Traffic Commission Minutes

Date and Time: September 20, 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, Cindy Schweitzer and Jon Beck.

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

Public Comment:

Aaron Walton, Chestnut Ridge Drive – Mr. Walton outlined his concern regarding the increased use of the cul-de-sac parking by Robert H. Ranck Inc., (a plumbing and heating business) employees. It was noted that the cul-de-sac is a public roadway and for public use. Mr. Walton did indicate that he has tried on several occasions to discuss the matter with representatives of Ranck. Mr. Madonna noted that he is unaware of any special permissions granted for use of the cul-de-sac and added that he has had discussion with the business regarding on-site additional parking area. A meeting will be set up with representatives of Ranck to further discuss the concern.

Old Business:

<u>The Crossings at Conestoga/Farmingdale Road</u> – no additional information or discussion.

<u>Church Street curve/road surface</u> – The meeting with Representative Miller and staff was completed about 3 weeks ago. Staff will follow up with Rep. Miller to see if he has had a response from PennDOT.

New Business:

Wood Street and Rohrerstown Road – An anonymous letter was received concerning their concern about the difficulty in turning on to Wood Street from Rohrerstown Road due to vehicles parked close to the intersection. Staff has reviewed the intersection and did not see a concern (at the time of the visit) turning into Wood Street however Officer Sandman did note the difficulty of making a left turn from Wood Street on to Rohrerstown Road. He added the same difficulty exists from Mayer Avenue, Church and Front Streets. The Traffic Commission agreed that the issue should be looked at more comprehensively. This item will remain on the agenda as a reminder to continue discussions. Mr. Madonna did indicate that letters have already been sent to the owners of the basketball poles mentioned in the letter that they need to be removed.

Chestnut Ridge Drive — Chief Skiles and Mr. Walton reviewed Mr. Walton's email and concern regarding the parking issue on Chestnut Ridge Drive. Chief Skiles explained based on his study of the roadway, the roadway meets two warrant that would allow the Commission to limit parking. 1. The lane of traffic is less than 18' (entire cartway is 21.5') and 2. Two cars are unable to pass if vehicles are parked on both sides of the roadway. Motioned by Chief Skiles, seconded by Mr. LeFevre and unanimously carried based on Chief Skiles recommendation to create noparking on the eastbound lane (South side) of Chestnut Ridge Drive from the edge of the culde-sac to Pin Oak Drive.

South Colebrook and Landisville Road intersection – A letter was received from Atlee Hall expressing concern with the visibility at this intersection. Mr. Madonna reported that this is an on-going issue and that he has already sent a letter to the corner property owner that maintenance needs to occur on his shrubbery so that site distance is maintained. The shrubbery has already been trimmed.

<u>Line Painting General Policy</u> – Discussion was held regarding the Township's guideline concerning repainting lines on recently paved roadways, specifically Nolt Road (Snapper Dam to RR & RR to Stoney Battery) and Elizabeth Street (RR to Stoney Battery). Mr. Russell noted that studies have shown that no lines on roadways tends to slow traffic.

Motioned by Chief Skiles, seconded by Mr. Bingham and unanimously carried that the general policy for roadway line painting shall be for streets that are primarily residential, have on-street parking with an assumed or posted speed limit of 25MPH and is not a collector street, with no curves there will be no double yellow line painted.

Additional discuss of the Commission noted that his is a general policy which could be altered given special conditions of a given roadway.

Concerning Nolt Road – Double yellow and white line from Stoney Battery to R/R tracks Double Yellow only from R/R tracks to Links Avenue

Concerning Elizabeth Street Double Yellow and White Line from Stoney Battery to Cooper Avenue.

Minutes:

Motioned by Mr. Bingham, seconded by Mr. LeFevre and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of August 16, 2017 as presented.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm by the unanimous consent of the Commission.

Submitted by Robert Krimmel,
Township Manager/Secretary