

**East Hempfield Township
Traffic Commission Minutes**

Date and Time: December 20, 2017

6:15 p.m.

Commission members in attendance: H. Scott Russell, Ed LeFevre and Chief Steve Skiles.

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: Cindy Brodbeck, Farmingdale Road expressed concern about the traffic flow near the Rohrerstown Elementary. She indicated the volume of traffic has increase which has increased the speed of traffic in this area and suggests speed bumps be installed. Mr. Krimmel noted that Running Pump Road will be reopened in the next few days which should alleviate the additional traffic flow. It was not clear what more could be done in terms of controlling the speed of vehicles as a school speed zone already exists.

Old Business:

The Crossings at Conestoga/Farmingdale Road Improvements – Chris Bauer, MaMahon Associates provided an overview of the plans to install temporary traffic calming devices along Farmingdale Road. He indicated the baseline traffic studies have been concluded and will be redone sometime next year to determine the effectiveness of the temporary measures.

- Motioned by Mr. LeFevre, seconded by Chief Skiles and unanimously carried to authorize staff to install a temporary round-about at the intersection of Wickersham/Irwin and Farmingdale Road.
- Motioned by Mr. LeFevre, seconded by Mr. Russell and carried by a vote of 2-1 (Chief Skiles voted no) to install a temporary one-way yield/road narrowing on Farmingdale Road in the vicinity of 722,724 and 726 Farmingdale Road.
- Motioned by Chief Skiles, seconded by Mr. LeFevre and unanimously carried to authorize staff to install a no-left turn signage on Farmingdale Road at the Marietta Avenue intersection covering peak hours, Monday thru Friday.

It was noted that the no-left turn signage will be installed in January with all the necessary warning devices and the other temporary features (round-about and lane narrowing) will be done in the spring.

Church Street curved roadway surface concern – The Commission was provided with an email which explained PennDOT's plans for resurfacing this roadway in 2019 which will address the curve issue.

- Church Street/Bowman Road intersection – The Commission reviewed an emailed request from Shannon Saia, Church Street which expressed her concerns about the continued erosion of the corner of her property at Church and Bowman Road. Additionally she desired the Township to request a speed study for Church Street due to the high speeds of vehicles. Officer Sandman indicated he had spoken to Ms. Saia regarding her concerns. Mr. Madonna also has had conversations with the owner of that parcel of land. The Township had already widened the intersection as much as is possible. It was suggested that the property owner could install a curb at the corner to offer some protection for her property. It was noted that the cost of the curb would be the property owner and would require a PennDOT and Township Highway Occupancy Permit. Staff will respond back to Ms. Saia.

Naomi Avenue Street light – A letter was sent to Julie Bramlitt requesting the submission of a petition from the neighborhood requesting the installation of additional street lighting.

