

Traffic Advisory Committee Minutes

Date: Wednesday, November 12, 2011
Time: 7:00pm
Attendees: Mark C. Shiner (chairman), Dave Murray, Doug Rowe, Allen McQuarrie (vice-chairman), Joe O'Malley, Dennis McFadden, Lt. Dean Logan, Carol Shugars, Dori Vincent
Guests: Rick Colello, Jackie Hayes, Ed Neff
Absent: nil.

Minutes Approval

- Approval of Minutes from October 12, 2011 meeting (Mark)
 - Motion to pass by Doug, second by Joe

Old Business

- Discussion of Sauerman Rd traffic speed, traffic calming funds and next steps.
 - Lt. Logan provided a consolidated report of the traffic counter results. The problem areas are the usual suspects: Rodgers Rd, Sugarbottom when the flashing display is not used. There hasn't been any active cooperation with any of the other townships on Sugarbottom in the last month.
 - Based on this report, Lt. Logan feels that Old New, Willow and Wood Ridge are not an issue. Turk Rd, Sugarbottom Rd and Rodgers Rd are issue and will start allocating resources to Rodgers and Sugarbottom. With heavy enforcement, the levels are steady on Turk and Sauerman are steady, but the heavy enforcement is unsustainable.
 - Dave Tomko would like to have seen the 85th percentile speed observed.
 - 85th percentile (using counter, not flasher): Rodgers: 40 mph, Sauerman Rd: 35, 34, 34, 35, 36 (last 5 collections), Sugarbottom: 44 mph, Turk @ Bomaca: 35, 36, 36, Willow: 32, Woodridge: 35, Cherry Lane: 41
 - The 85th percentile is the industry standard for speed limits on roads.
- Status of web concern form (Dave)
 - Still pending.
- Woodridge Rd, Willow Lane, Westaway Lane resident traffic concerns. (Mark,Dave)
 - There's a neighborhood rumor that Castle Valley Bridge is going to close completely for the duration of the construction. Dave T is unable to confirm that and is still trying to find out.
 - We're going to send the letter that went out to (fixme and attach letter with minutes, send to Mark)

New Development within the Township (Lt. Logan)

- New plans for 8 houses on Eastburn tract. We don't need to be involved.
- Reviewed plans for Thompson changes and talked about bike/hike trail improvements around Thompson. We don't need to be involved.

New Business

- Update from March meeting with Baker Associates regarding PennDOT Transportation and Land Use Study (Mark)
 - Mark reviewed a powerpoint shown at the meeting
 - Recommend that this PPT be placed on the website, linked from the traffic page
 - There's another meeting in December that Mark hopes to attend.
- Discussion about temporary speed humps. Estimated cost is \$6-\$8,000 per bump installed. Dave T is only aware of Phoenixville borough using these. A permanent speed bump is in the neighborhood of \$15,000. In Dave T's opinion, a speed hump is the least expensive, most effective traffic calming measure.
- Question from audience about status of 2010 approved traffic funds. Funds are "use it or lose it." More discussion about temp speed humps.
- Lt. Logan also feels that the Turk/Sauerman issues have plateaued and that the next step should be traffic calming measures (speed humps). He also feels that Rodgers can be managed if the PD starts paying attention to it, which will start next week.
- Dave T: complaint to PennDOT from a resident regarding left turn will do a study at NB Easton and Edison Furlong
 - **MOTION:** The TAC requests PennDOT do a study for a NB Easton Rd/611 left turn phase onto Edison Furlong Rd. Second Carol. **Passed unanimously.**

Close

- Motion to close by Allen, second Dori, 8:20pm

Next Meeting: 14-Dec, 7:00pm