

Traffic Advisory Committee Minutes

Date: Wednesday, March 9, 2011

Time: 7:05pm

Attendees: Mark C. Shiner (chairman), Lt. Logan, Allen McQuarrie (vice-chairman), Dave Murray, Cynthia Philo, Doug Rowe, Carol Shugars, Dave Tomko, Dori Vincent

Absent: Dennis McFadden, Joe O'Malley

Minutes Approval

- Approval of Minutes from February 9, 2011 meeting (Mark)
 - Motion to approve: Allen, second: Doug

New Business

- Deadline for Township newsletter submissions is April 10, 2010.
- PennDOT is doing a comprehensive transportation and land use study and scheduled a meeting at 3/21 @ 3pm.

New Development within the Township (Lt. Logan)

- No report.

Old Business

- Proposed changes to Doylestown Township Ordinance
 - Lt. Logan: On advice of Twp Solicitor, it was suggested that the Traffic Commission (Chief White, Stephanie Mason, Lt. Logan) establish a "Traffic Regulation" adopting the ordinance language. This was completed and a Traffic Regulation was adopted. This passed on 3/1/11.
 - This gives the TAC the ability to designate roads to lower the speed limit to 25. *There's a procedure for doing this, where's this procedure documented?*
- Sauerman and Turk Roads
 - Mark: we should apply the new ordinance to Sauerman and Turk
 - Lt Logan: we can do Sauerman, they have met all requirements. Turk still needs a survey from the TAC. The informal neighborhood survey is insufficient, per the TAC guidelines.
 - Mark: **Motion** to reduce speed limit on Sauerman Rd. to 25, second Allen, passed unanimously.
 - After much discussion, the consensus of the group is to look at the need for traffic calming measures at the September meeting. Lt Logan should have some statistics regarding traffic at that time. Added to September agenda.
 - Mark: **Motion** to perform resident traffic survey on Turk Rd, east of 611, and the feeder streets* using the same survey that Sauerman received ASAP, second Allen, passed unanimously.

- Question from audience: what happens with non-returned surveys (there's a procedure documented somewhere) and what is the minimum requirement for returned percentage (again part of procedure). Sauerman had a very high return rate. 70% approval is required of residences. Carol thinks that non-responses were indicated in the letter as approval.

Close

- Motion to adjourn by Allen, second by Dave M, 7:25pm.

Next Meeting: 13-Apr, 7:00pm

* Feeder streets for Turk that should be included in the survey:

Turk Rd (2000-2399)

Bomaca Dr

Pebble Woods Dr N

Pebble Woods Dr S (1-40?)

Greentree Dr

Oak Dr

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Subject: Penn Dot Transportation & Land Use Study

Hi,

Michael Baker and Associates on behalf of Penn Dot is conducting a transportation and land use study of various corridors in Bucks County . They would like the opportunity to meet with the various municipalities and discuss concerns about transportation and land use. They have scheduled **Monday, March 21, 2011 at 3 p.m.** here at the township building to meet with Doylestown Township . I hope you and/or members of your committee will be able to join in the meeting.

Any questions please let me know.

Stephanie

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DOYLESTOWN TOWNSHIP
TRAFFIC COMMISSION

ESTABLISHMENT OF TRAFFIC CONTROL REGULATIONS

By the authority of the Pennsylvania Motor Vehicle Code, Chapter 61, Section 6109 (b) (2), and the Code of the Township of Doylestown, Chapter 46, Section 46-2, the following regulation is hereby established and shall be enforced as provided in the Code of the Township of Doylestown, Chapter 46.

Maximum speed limits:

General rule: No person shall drive a vehicle on roadway that has been dedicated to and accepted by the Township and where the legal description for said street has been duly filed with the Court of Common Pleas of Bucks County at a speed in excess of the following maximum limits:

(1) 35 miles per hour in any urban district, which district is described in the PA Vehicle Code 75 PA C.S.A 102 as, *the Territory contiguous to and including any street which is built up with structures devoted to business, industry or dwelling houses situated at intervals of less than 100 feet for a distance of a quarter of a mile or more.*

(2) 25 miles per hour in a residence district, which district is described in the PA Vehicle Code 75 PA C.S.A 102 as, *the territory contiguous to and including a highway not compromising a business district when the property on the highway for a distance of 300 feet or more is the main improved with residences or residences and buildings in use for business, if the roadway:*

(i) is not a State numbered traffic route; and

(ii) is functionally classified by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation as a local highway as defined in the PA Code 67 PA C.S.A, and

(iii) 25 MPH speed limits may not be established without the Township Traffic Advisory Committee's endorsement; and approval by the Townships Traffic Engineer; and

(iv) 25 MPH speed limit may not be established unless it meets current traffic engineering standards and practices.

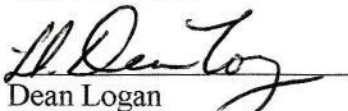
(3) It shall further be unlawful to operate a motor vehicle at a speed in excess of an established speed of 25 MPH, 35 MPH or other established speed limitation which is a speed limit approved pursuant to the Doylestown Township Code by the Doylestown Township Traffic Commission following the completion of a traffic study authorized pursuant to § 6109 of the Pennsylvania Motor Vehicle Code, which said traffic study must meet the requirements of 67 PA Code § 201.31.



Stephen J. White, Chairman
Chief of Police



Stephanie J. Mason
Township Manager



Dean Logan
Lieutenant of Police

Date: March 1, 2011
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