

LTAC – Meeting Notes

December 12, 2023

Welcome

7:01pm – Mr. Tonko welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Attendance and Introductions

Local Traffic Advisory Committee (LTAC) Members:		
Sgt. Scott Jones	Dave Tomko	Matthew Johnston (Matt)
GUESTS:		
Stephanie J. Mason, Twp Manager		

Approval of Minutes

As there was no quorum, the minutes from the November 13, 2023 meeting were tabled.

Visitor Comment (Non-agenda items)

There was no public comment at this time.

Old Business

Turk Road

Petition There were several guests from Turk Road in attendance: Ms. Schroeder; Ms. Mumbauer from Doylestown Township and from Warrington Township Ms. Lyons, Mr. Gerhardt, & Mr. Baxter.

Updated Results - Mr. Tomko indicated that the committee had received the updated petition results that Ms. Schroeder presented. She indicated that she has been concerned about traffic issues and has been working for well over a year, at time very discouraged by the process. She indicated that the Township should communicate with Pat Wright at Pennoni. It was indicated that Matt Johnston, Township Traffic Engineer, also works for Pennoni and is very familiar with Mr. Wright and the two of them have talked regarding Ms. Schroeder’s concerns regarding Turk Road.

Ross Baxter of 1441 Turk in Warrington indicated that he is trying to play catch up and understand what the process is of the data that has been collected and the next steps, he is hoping that traffic and speed limits can be improved along the roadway.

Mr. Tomko gave a brief history on where Warrington Township and Doylestown Township are with regards to the process. Part of the process toward traffic calming is obtaining petitions in order to do a traffic calming study.

Doylestown Township did make a recommendation and complete a study to reduce the size of trucks on the roadway to 30’. We are waiting for Warrington Police Department to share their comments, but Warrington Township and their Traffic Engineer are already in concurrence with the truck restriction to 30’ based upon ACT 31.

Pauline Lyons 1457 Turk Rd. questioned why isn't there consideration of other trucks?

Mr. Tomko and Sgt. Jones indicated that based on the studies that were completed this is what qualified.

There was a question about State Liquid Fuels and maintenance and Ms. Schroeder's concerns about dump trucks on the road.

Traffic Calming Policy Review – Mr. Tomko indicated that the Board of Supervisors approved a policy revision, so it aligns with Warrington Township's policy on the 50% requirement. This helps with the original studies and the maps that were prepared. This allows the threshold based on the LTAC recommendations which would be the next steps. For example, data collection needs to be done as part of the traffic calming process. A committee from the neighborhood needs to be formed, these steps are all laid out in the policy. The key is education, enforcement, engineering according to Mr. Tomko.

There was a question about other roadways and why some have different speed limits but are similar to Turk Rd. Again, it all depends on the studies that were done at the time to make sure they were compliant and that approach towards posting the speed limits and any other signage accordingly. A question regarding weight restrictions was addressed. Turk Road was recently repaved and at that time the culverts on the road were reviewed by the Road Superintendent and found to be fine and not in need of replacement which might signal a weight restriction. This was factor considered regarding weight restrictions. It was determined that weight restrictions of trucks were not warranted.

Ms. Schroeder expressed her concern and frustration that the Township just doesn't initiate these things but waits for residents and property owners to come forth and request them.

Mr. Charles Gerhardt, 1449 Turk Rd indicated he has lived there since 1980 and has seen a lot of changes in the community. In his opinion the road has become scary at times when he is out mowing and getting his mail.

Mr. Tomko again reiterated the importance of public engagement and that with the new policy we'll be able to move forward. However, we will need a quorum from the LTAC to move it forward. The hope is that on January 9th 2024 at 7PM the Local Traffic Advisory Committee will meet and make recommendation to the Board.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:05PM.