

## Citizens Traffic Commission Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 9, 2024 • 6:30 PM • Virtually via Zoom

### 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM.

### 2. Roll Call

*MEMBERS AND STAFF PRESENT:* Chris Haughey, Jeff McCard, Bill Everett, Rowland Myers, James Flynn, Assistant Township Manager Nick Valla, Chief Joseph Bartorilla, Captain Peter Feeney, Lieutenant Aileen Parker, Steve Gozur (Traffic Planning & Design).

*MEMBERS AND STAFF ABSENT:* Public Works Director Eric Gartenmayer, Sergeant Mark McLeod, Officer Jeffrey Wagner.

*RESIDENTS PRESENT:* Bob Feather.

### 3. Reorganization

#### a. Appointment of Chair

Mr. Haughey moved to nominate Mr. McCard as Chair of the Citizens Traffic Commission. The motion was seconded by Mr. Flynn. Motion carried 5-0.

#### b. Appointment of Vice Chair

Mr. McCard moved to nominate Mr. Haughey as Vice Chair of the Citizens Traffic Commission. The motion was seconded by Mr. Myers. Motion carried 5-0.

### 4. Approval of Minutes

Members approve minutes of October 10, 2023, meeting by consensus.

### 5. Public Comment (Non-Agenda Items Only)

Bob Feather, Highland Park Way, shared that tractor trailers drive through Highland Park to access the Langhorne Square Shopping Center. He is requesting "No Trucks" signs be installed throughout the area, particularly on Heartwood Road, noting only one exists on Highland Park Way near Restaurant Depot.

Captain Pete Feeney stated that he will look into existing ordinances and signage, stating that signs are not enforceable without proper ordinances in place.

Mr. Feather also stated that Highland Park Way near the Shell gas station is a cut-through area. He added that speeding is also a concern between Highland Park Place and Heartwood Road and speed humps should be considered.

Nick Valla, Assistant Township Manager, provided an overview of how traffic calming requests are evaluated. The Police Department and Traffic Planning & Design will look into past traffic studies in Highland Park.

Chris Haughey requested an update on this topic at the April meeting.

## 6. Old Business

### a. Activity Since Last Meeting

#### i. Ordinance #23-03 adding stop signs to Tall Tree Lane and Meadowview Court

Mr. Valla stated that the Board of Supervisors adopted Ordinance #23-03 adding stop signs to Tall Tree Lane and Meadowview Court upon recommendation of the CTC.

#### ii. Transportation presentation to Board of Supervisors on January 8

Mr. Valla stated that he provided a transportation update to the Supervisors last night and thanked several CTC members for attending the meeting.

### b. Paxson Road (between Kilburn Road and Briggs Road)

Sergeant Mark McLeod was unable to attend tonight and will provide an update in April.

### c. Gillam Avenue (between Hulmeville Road and Interchange Road)

No update.

### d. Stop Sign Request – Lower Silver Lake Road at Banks Road

No update.

## 7. New Business

### a. Frosty Hollow Road

Mr. Valla shared that an Upper Orchard resident with a property abutting Frosty Hollow Road raised safety concerns after an impaired driver drove through their backyard fence in the fall.

Captain Feeney stated he evaluated the accident history of Frosty Hollow Road, noting 49 accidents over 10 years. He stated this includes all accidents—signalized intersections, residents leaving neighborhoods, etc.—therefore 49 accidents is not significant. He stated two of the accidents were reportable. He added that most accidents do not appear to be caused by the design of the roadway and that traffic calming may not be appropriate in this area.

The homeowner requested bollards be installed between her fence and the roadway. Mr. Valla shared the challenges posed by this suggestion. Discussion of alternative solutions such as rumble strips were discussed, though nuisance noise may be a drawback.

No further action was recommended.

**b. Truck Idling**

Chief of Police Joe Bartorilla invited Mr. Feather to share about this issue, adding that he would like to bring in the truck enforcement officers into a future CTC meeting to discuss the issue further.

Mr. Feather stated he observes trucks idling before and after deliveries are made to Redner's. He states that trucks illegally park in the area lined for car parking next to the Redner's delivery area and idle, emitting exhaust fumes. Mr. Feather noted, however, that the issue has improved since Chief Bartorilla has been involved, adding that drivers are staying less or are being moved along by Police. Mr. Feather added that the issue could be solved by better communication between Redner's/shopping center and the delivery drivers. He also noted that the landscaping buffer between the shopping center and Highland Park no longer exists.

Mr. Flynn shared that has a commercial bus driver, commercial drivers are limited to only 5 minutes of idling. He encouraged Mr. Feather to call the police when he observes violations.

Mr. Feather said no idling signs are clearly posted but suggested "no truck parking" signs be added in the rear of the shopping center, stating that trucks should be encouraged to park in the front of the shopping center if they need to.

Mr. Valla said that the Township has been in communication with the shopping center.

Mr. Haughey requested an update on this issue at the April CTC meeting.

A discussion occurred about proper flow of trucks in and out of the shopping center. Chief Bartorilla noted that closing off the rear entrance to the shopping center has been proposed in the past but would be detrimental to emergency services.

**8. Other Business**

**a. Swift/Woodbourne/Lower Silver Lake Intersection Signalization**

Mr. Everett thanked everyone for their work in getting the new traffic signal at Swift/Woodbourne/Lower Silver Lake up and running, stating it appears to be functioning properly on the adaptive system. He added that the turn lane stacking issue approaching the Newtown Bypass (SR-332) at Woodbourne Road has improved as well.

**b. Introduction of Lieutenant Aileen Parker**

Mr. Valla introduced Lieutenant Aileen Parker to the CTC, who will begin regularly attending.

**9. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for April 9, 2024.