

## Citizens Traffic Commission Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 12, 2022 • 6:30 PM • Middletown Municipal Center Rooms 220/221

### 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 PM.

### 2. Roll Call

*MEMBERS PRESENT:* Chris Haughey, Bill Everett, James Flynn, Assistant Township Manager Nick Valla, Captain Peter Feeney, Sergeant Mark McLeod, Public Works Superintendent Eric Gartenmayer, Bill Zadrovicz (Traffic Planning & Design).

*MEMBERS ABSENT:* Sally Miller, Jeff McCard, Officer Michael Stum.

*RESIDENTS PRESENT:* Audrey Harris (Windybush HOA), Brenda Palmer (Windybush).

### 3. Approval of Minutes

Members approve minutes of January 11, 2022 meeting by consensus.

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

None.

### 5. Old Business

#### a. Activity since last meeting

##### i. Snowball Gate (Spring Valley Road/Scarlet Oak Road)

Captain Pete Feeney reported that a study was performed on both Spring Valley Road and Scarlet Oak Road. Both studies resulted in an 85<sup>th</sup> percentile of speed of 30 MPH or less. No further action was recommended.

##### ii. Summit Trace "Opposing Traffic Does Not Stop" Signs

Superintendent Eric Gartenmayer shared that shortly after the January Citizens Traffic Commission (CTC) meeting, "Opposing Traffic Does Not Stop" signs were posted at select intersections in Summit Trace.

### 6. New Business

#### a. Periwinkle Avenue

Assistant Township Manager Nick Valla shared he received a speeding complaint for Periwinkle Avenue. He shared that Periwinkle Avenue was discussed by the CTC in October 2021. Sergeant McLeod shared that he and Officer Stum monitored the area recently and found no issues. The Police Department reported that a study was performed on Periwinkle Avenue several years ago, but a new study can be done to see if there have been any changes.

**b. Frosty Hollow Road Bridge**

Mr. Valla shared that a complaint was made to Bucks County about the safety of the sidewalk along the bridge over Mill Creek on Frosty Hollow Road between Juniper Hill and Upper Orchard. Mr. Gartenmayer shared that Bucks County owns this bridge and made this improvement a few years ago. He added that the prior bridge had a guardrail separating pedestrians from traffic. Bill Zadrovicz stated that a guardrail for pedestrians is not required. Mr. Valla shared that the County reportedly installed traffic delineators recently. Captain Feeney later confirmed that delineators have not yet been installed.

**c. Windybush Signage**

Mr. Valla shared that Ms. Harris of the Windybush HOA (Golf Club Drive) inquired with the Department of Public Works about enhancing the visibility of the “Wrong Way” signs on Golf Club Drive where the road turns into a one-way street. Ms. Harris shared that she worked with Chief of Police Godzieba from Langhorne Borough to identify a similar solution deployed there. She stated that the HOA is prepared to purchase a solar-powered flashing light to mount atop each of the two “Wrong Way” signs and requested the Department of Public Works to install them. The Township’s Traffic Engineer will review PennDOT regulations to determine with these lights meet regulatory standards. The Commission also discussed the possibility of line painting as a solution. The Commission agreed to consider the lighting option upon Traffic Planning & Design’s review as it is a lower cost option. The question also arose about whether parking restrictions currently in place are memorialized in the Township’s ordinances. Mr. Valla stated he will follow up with the HOA with an update.

**7. Open Floor**

**a. Parkvale Avenue**

Sergeant Mark McLeod shared that a study was performed on Parkvale Avenue. The 85<sup>th</sup> percentile of speed was 27 MPH.

**b. Highland Park Place Turn Restriction**

Chris Haughey asked if there was any progress on adding a left turn restriction from Highland Park Place onto Veterans Highway (SR 413). Mr. Zadrovicz agreed to look into it more. Captain Feeney stated that preventing left turns out of Highland Park Place will likely divert these drivers further into the development. Mr. Zadrovicz added that adding a turn restriction onto a state road would require approval by PennDOT.

**c. Restaurant Depot Truck Parking**

Mr. Haughey asked about the increased truck parking happening at the Restaruant Depot parking lot. Mr. Valla stated he believes zoning relief was granted within the last year or so, but would look further into it.

**8. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 PM. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for July 12, 2022.