

## Citizens Traffic Commission Meeting Minutes

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

### 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 PM.

### 2. Roll Call

*MEMBERS PRESENT:* Jeff McCard, Bill Everett, James Flynn, Assistant Township Manager Nick Valla, Public Works Superintendent Eric Gartenmayer, Steve Gozur (Traffic Planning & Design).

*MEMBERS ABSENT:* Chris Haughey, Sally Miller, Captain Peter Feeney, Sergeant Mark McLeod, Officer Michael Stum.

*RESIDENTS PRESENT:* Bob Feather (Highland Park).

### 3. Approval of Minutes

Members approve minutes of April 12, 2022 meeting by consensus.

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

Bob Feather, 96 Highland Park Way, stated he had some traffic-related issues in his neighborhood he hoped the CTC could help address. He mentioned a meeting in June with the Township Manager and Langhorne Square Shopping Center management that is working toward resolving other issues with the shopping center. He listed the following issues: (1) "No Parking" signs along the shopping center are faded and being ignored, (2) "No Trucks" signs are posted along Highland Park Way near the Dunkin Donuts, but not on the other end near the Shell Station, (3) three access points from the shopping center to Highland Park Way with no "No Trucks" signs, (4) speeding/racing along Highland Park Way, (5) stop signs being ignored. Mr. Feather stated he is not necessarily in favor of adding speed humps or stop signs. He also mentioned the signal timing at Harmony/Woodbourne may be off as it heavily favors Woodbourne Road.

Superintendent Eric Gartenmayer stated that he will review the Township's ordinances and update any missing/faded signage. Assistant Township Manager Nick Valla stated signs on the shopping center's property need to be posted by the shopping center. The idea was mentioned of adding "full stop free, rolling stop \$\$\$" signs to area stop signs as they have been effective in the past.

Mr. Feather added that increased police presence has and would likely again curb the issues.

## 5. Old Business

### a. Activity since last meeting

#### i. Periwinkle Avenue

Awaiting study results from Police who were not present. Tabled.

#### ii. Windybush Signage & Parking Ordinance

Mr. Valla stated the Board of Supervisors adopted an ordinance to memorialize the parking restrictions on the one-way loop of Golf Club Drive. He added that he is coordinating with Traffic Planning & Design and Public Works to add line painting to the one-way start/stop intersection in the development. Mr. Valla said the HOA is supportive of this effort and may look into adding illuminated "Do Not Enter" signs in the future should the line painting not ease the issue.

#### iii. Swift/Woodbourne/Lower Silver Lake Roads Signalization – Resident Meeting 6/6/22

Mr. Valla stated a resident meeting was held on June 6, 2022 to discuss the planned signalization of Woodbourne Road at Swift and Lower Silver Lake Roads. He said the meeting was well attended and that residents in Swan Point, Eagles Mere, and the Luxembourg Business Park were all invited to attend by mail. He added that most residents were in favor of or neutral but interested in the project.

Questions arose about trees being trimmed and "signal ahead" signage. Mr. Valla stated both are included in the project.

## 6. New Business

### a. Ramble Road Speeding

Mr. Valla shared he received a speeding complaint for Ramble Road. He stated Ramble Road is a very remote, narrow stretch of road spanning 1,000 feet near Parkland. He shared the woman who called requested speed humps. She reported a dog being hit by a car about two years prior. Mr. Valla explained to the woman and shared with the CTC that given the nature of this road, it is unlikely chronic speeding is occurring. No further action was recommended.

### b. SR 413 (Langhorne-Newtown Road) Speed Limit (Near St. Mary Medical Center)

Mr. Valla shared that a complaint was made to Public Works about the speed limit on SR 413 near St. Mary Medical Center. Steve Gozur, Traffic Planning & Design, clarified that a section of SR 413 near the George School was reduced from 45 MPH to 35 MPH a few years ago in the area of the new pedestrian signal. Mr. Gozur added that PennDOT would need to be petitioned to make this change, and that PennDOT kept the reduced speed zone small when it was reviewed only a few years ago.

James Flynn stated he noticed a 35 MPH sign in the area of Green Valley that may be incorrect. Mr. Gartenmayer stated he will look into it. Others shared it is already challenging for speeds to get to 45 MPH during rush hour. No further action was required.

## **7. Open Floor**

### **a. CSX Train Track Replacement at Woodbourne Road**

The CSX Train Track Replacement currently underway at Woodbourne Road was brought up as a reminder. Mr. Gartenmayer stated that PennDOT is using the closure of Woodbourne Road to repave inside the narrow tunnel on Woodbourne Road near Styers.

### **b. Woodbourne/Big Oak Road**

Mr. Flynn stated he saw a comment on Facebook about the difficult turning at Woodbourne/Big Oak Road and that the resident said a signal should be added. He encouraged the resident to attend tonight's meeting but they did not. Others felt that while it is difficult to turn at this intersection at times, a signal is not necessary.

## **8. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for October 11, 2022.