

East Bradford Township
Traffic Committee
Minutes
October 20, 2011

The October meeting of the Traffic Committee was held on Thursday, October 20, 2011 at 8:00 am in the Township Building, 666 Copeland School Road, West Chester, PA 19380.

Committee members in attendance were: Patrick Davis, Ken Cavanaugh, Chief Scott Bohn, Joanne Yarnall, Mark Lucas, and David Mushrush.

Vincent Pompo, Supervisor and Liaison to the Traffic Committee was in attendance.

Public in attendance: David Meade and Wendy Buckley, residents of Sconnelltown Road and Albert Gollatz, resident of Birmingham Road.

The meeting was called to order by at 8:00 am.

Public Comment: Comments were made during the discussion below.

Approval of the Minutes:

On motion of Mr. Lucas and seconded by Mr. Mushrush, Mr. Davis and Ms. Yarnall abstained as they were not in attendance at the September meeting, with everyone else in favor, the minutes of the September 15, 2011 meeting were approved.

Sconnelltown Road – Speeding Complaint

Background: East Bradford Township recently took Sconnelltown Road and Price Street back from PennDOT and at the same time changed the speed limit to 25 mph. A complaint had been received that people are speeding and that the site distance was not good at the intersection of Mt. Bradford Way and Sconnelltown Road.

This meeting: Mr. Pompo discussed the reasons why the Township took back Sconnelltown Road and Price Street with the residents in attendance. The township would like to create a walking path/trail between the Mt. Bradford Preserve and Sconnelltown Park along Sconnelltown Road, with parking to be located at the Preserve. As part of that the township lowered the speed limit to 25 mph, from 35 mph in accordance with a provision in the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code.

Chief Bohn reported that the department has done a traffic study of Sconnelltown Road and based on the data the 25 mph speed limit is not warranted. He also checked the accident data for the road for the last 12 years and only one accident had been reported and it was considered an un-reportable accident (no injury's, vehicles not towed).

Mr. Meade and Ms. Buckley questioned the data as they feel that vehicles are traveling at a higher rate of speed than what is recorded in the study. Mr. Meade asked that stop signs be installed at the intersection of Sconnelltown Road and Mt. Bradford Way.

Mr. Mushrush explained that stop signs can not be used as a method to slow traffic and often has an opposite effect, as drivers slow /stop and then speed to make up time.

Mr. Gollatz stated that he has been driving Sconnelltown Road for over 25 years and has found that it is very hard to do 25 mph. He commented that the radar speed sign has been helpful in notifying drivers of their speed.

Mr. Meade presented a video that he took from his driveway using a radar gun to show the speed of the vehicles passing his property.

Mr. Meade and Ms. Buckley both said that they do not have a problem with the speed limit being returned to 35 mph, but would like to see more enforcement.

The Police Department will monitor the existing 25 mph speed limit for the next several months and report back to the Committee.

Other Business:

Mrs. Adams reported that Denny Howell has officially resigned from the Traffic Committee because he has relocated to Willistown Township. Mr. Pompo has sent a letter to Mr. Howell thanking him for his service to the township.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Tenley F. Adams
Secretary