

**East Bradford Township  
Traffic Committee  
Minutes  
August 16, 2012**

The August meeting of the Traffic Committee was held on Thursday, August 16, 2012 at 8:00 am in the Township Building, 666 Copeland School Road, West Chester, PA 19380.

**Committee members in attendance were:** Ken Cavanaugh, Joanne Yarnall, Andrew DeFonzo, Chief Scott Bohn and John Carroll.

**Committee members not in attendance:** Patrick Davis, William Ronayne, Mark Lucas

**Others in Attendance:**

Vincent Pompo, Supervisor and Liaison to the Traffic Committee

**Public in attendance:** West Goshen Township Supervisors Ted Murphy and Bill Corvo and Township Manager, Casey LaLonde.

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

**Public Comment:** None

**Approval of the Minutes:**

On motion of Mr. DeFonzo and seconded by Ms. Yarnall, Chief Bohn abstain as he was not in attendance at the June meeting, with everyone else in favor, the minutes of the June 21, 2012 meeting were approved.

**South New Street Signage Changes in West Goshen Township:**

West Goshen Township Supervisors Murphy and Corvo and Township Manger LaLonde were in attendance to discuss the proposed street signage changes along South New Street in West Goshen Township.

Supervisor Murphy briefed the Committee on the reasons for the changes which also incorporate streets with the Roslyn development. Supervisors Murphy stated that for many years the residents of Roslyn have been complaining of the increased volume of traffic cutting through the streets of their subdivision especially during the school year when West Chester University is in session. Much of the volume is because of back-ups on Rosedale Avenue and motorists are looking to get around those back-ups to access South High Street and Rt. 202. They are proposing to install "no turn" signs at Jones Lane on South New Street, creating a one way out only onto South New Street. Several other signs are proposed within the Roslyn subdivision eliminating certain turns and through traffic.

East Bradford Supervisor Pompo stated that East Bradford realizes a lot of through and studies have been done in this area and that West Goshen has considered the comments of their residents and the recommendations of the experts. East Bradford residents will be affected by these changes and that other problems may develop as a result of the new signage. Many of the traffic studies do not go far enough to explore the impact of the surrounding communities, just those areas within the immediate area being studied.

The possible opening of Stadium Road is of real concern to East Bradford because of its impact on the Gordon Nature Area and the additional traffic that would access the road via way of Tigue Road and the township will probably cul-de-sac Tigue Road if this happens

Supervisor Murphy added that West Chester University has shown them plans for additional expansion on South Campus north of Stadium Road, in the wooded area that is considered part of Gordon Nature Area. The University needs to do traffic impact studies not just for the area proposed, but for surrounding areas also. They also do not have the parking capacity for what is proposed. He wonders what the University plans are for the next 20 years and beyond.

Supervisor Corvo feels that the situation has become dysfunctional and that it is important that all the municipalities need to get together and meet with the University to get their large scale plan for the future so that the municipalities can protect the residents.

Supervisor Pompo is also concerned about stormwater from these areas, as East Bradford receives all the flows from the south west corner of the Borough of West Chester and West Goshen were the University is developing. This needs to be addressed and enforced.

Mr. Cavanaugh raised concerns about the impact on these changes and the traffic signal at Rosedale Avenue at New Street. They need to look at the global picture as the roads cannot be increased in size, they are what they are.

Chief Bohn stated that any change in one municipality will affect other municipalities and most consultants are only looking at the immediate picture. He feels that these changes will also affect the traffic signals in the area and that they will need to be re-synchronized. Individual municipalities have set up road blocks impacting other municipalities. The most common complaint is no one wants traffic within their development.

Supervisors Pompo suggested that a multi-municipal 209 plan be conducted.

Ms. Yarnall stated that as Manager of Transportation at the West Chester Area School District, this is the first that the District has heard about this plan for new signage and that it will affect the bus routes that have already been planned for this year. Not just for that immediate area but the whole district. New routes will have to be planned and new letters sent out to the district residents of the changes. In the future she hopes that West Goshen will keep the district in the loop for planning.

Manager LaLonde stated that the ordinance for the signage is being considered on August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2012 and if adopted signs will be installed on or about August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2012 with warning for the first 30 days.

**Other Business:**

Because of time constraints the Strasburg Road and Highland Road intersection discussion was moved to the next Traffic Committee meeting.

**The meeting adjourned at 9:00 am.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Tenley F. Adams  
Secretary