

East Bradford Township
Traffic Committee
Minutes
March 21, 2013

The March meeting of the Traffic Committee was held on Thursday, March 21, 2013 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, Eric Ruggeri, Lt. Sam Iacono, Mark Lucas and John Carroll.

Committee members not in attendance: Patrick Davis, Chief Scott Bohn

Others in Attendance:

Vincent Pompo, Supervisor and Liaison to the Traffic Committee

Public in attendance:

Andrew Mongar, resident

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

Public Comment: None

New Member: Eric Ruggeri was welcomed as a new member to the Traffic Committee.

Approval of the Minutes:

On motion of Ms. Yarnall and seconded by Mr. DeFonzo with everyone in favor, the minutes of the January 17, 2013 meeting were approved.

Highland Road – Traffic Complaint

Mr. Mongar discussed his concerns about large trucks using the road as a cut through when it is signed “No Trucks”. The road is narrow with poor sight distance and poor access at the Strasburg intersection. He does not feel they should be using the road when they could go Downingtown Pike to Strasburg Road. As Mr. Mongar was not aware, Mr. Lucas updated the Committee and Mr. Mongar, on the township’s submittal to PennDOT for a four way stop at the intersection of Highland Road and Strasburg Road. PennDOT has sent the application to its engineering consultant for review and a draft letter has been returned to PennDOT with a possible denial, but it is possible that they were not using the most recent PennDOT standard for review.

Mr. Pompo asked that PennDOT be contacted and a meeting between the Board of Supervisors and PennDOT be held prior to a formal denial being issued to discuss what can be done. Mr. Lucas will see if he can arrange this for the April Board of Supervisors meeting.

Lt. Iacono explained that while it is signed “No Trucks” if a truck is making a local delivery they can legally use the road. Local does not mean just on that portion of road.

Mr. Ruggeri suggested that the township contact (through the WCPD) the PA State Police Traffic Enforcement Unit who will provide services to municipalities to check trucks for safety issues. Lt. Iacono said that if Mr. Monger can narrow down a period of time of when he is seeing these trucks, it could be passed along to the PA State Police so that they can schedule an enforcement detail.

Mr. Carroll will also check to see if any additional signage can be added.

Trail Crossing – Skelp Level Road

The committee discussed the proposed trail crossing on Skelp Level Road to connect the Harmony Hill Nature Area to the Children Country Week Association property. The trail on the CCWA property is part of the conservation easement on the property and the crossing will connect the trail to the parking area located at Harmony Hill Nature Area.

On motion of Mr. Ruggeri and second by Mr. DeFonzo, with all in favor, the Traffic Committee recommends that the township hire a consultant to review the crossing and make recommendations.

Twin Pond Drive – Speeding Complaint, Request for Stop Sign

The Committee reviewed Mr. Talley's request for a stop sign at the intersection of Twin Pond Drive at the bottom of the loop road where it intersects itself. Marshallton Chase subdivision where this is located does not have any connector roads. One side of the Twin Pond Drive loop is already signed and he states in his e-mail that residents drive too fast through the unsigned portion of the intersection, causing concerns for school children.

Mr. Pompo requested that the subdivision plans be reviewed to make sure that signage has been properly installed within the subdivision.

Because Marshallton Chase has an active homeowners association, the Traffic Committee recommends that Mr. Talley forward his request to the HOA for review by the members and if they are in agreement, the HOA should forward a request to the township for consideration.

Central Chester County Bike & Ped Plan - Draft Plan for Review/Comment

Mr. Pompo asked that the Traffic Committee review the draft plan prior to the next meeting (4/18/13) and have comments ready. The comment period on the plan ends on April 19th and he has concerns that the plan has recommendations that were not in the original proposal presented to the Board of Supervisors. Some recommendations that are listed for East Bradford are actually more appropriately suited for an adjoining municipality and some are extremely expensive to implement. Mr. Pompo questioned the municipal liability if those items that are expensive are not completed and a law suit arises. Mr. Pompo will ask that the review period be extended at least 30 days.

Rosedale Avenue Corridor Traffic Study-Update

Mr. Pompo updated the Committee on the Study. He said that an article in the Daily Local News incorrectly commented that the township was not interested in being part of the study. He stated that the township had been interested in being included, but the township had comments that needed to be addressed prior to committing to the Study. To date the comments that were forward to the principal municipality overseeing the study, have not been addressed. While the Township is not officially a member of the Study it will have a representative at upcoming meetings.

On motion of Ms. Yarnall and second by Mr. Ruggeri the meeting adjourned at 8:58 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Tenley F. Adams
Secretary