

East Bradford Township
Traffic Committee
Minutes
September 19, 2013

The September meeting of the Traffic Committee was held on Thursday, September 19, 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, Patrick Davis, Andrew DeFonzo, Eric Ruggeri, Lt. Sam Iacono and John Carroll.

Committee members not in attendance: Mark Lucas

Others in Attendance:

Vincent Pompo, Supervisor and Liaison to the Traffic Committee

Public in attendance: Mary Sue Boyle and Elizabeth Gray

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 with everyone in favor, the minutes of the April 18, 2013 meeting were approved.

Lenape Road (State Route 52) – Speeding & Accident Concerns - 1000 block

Township residents Mary Sue Boyle and Elizabeth Gray discussed with the Traffic Committee concerns that they have about that portion of the road located in the vicinity of 1046 Lenape Road, where the road has a considerable bend. They discussed accidents that occurred during the night, often related to speeding and some related to DUI, when they are unable to navigate the bend in the roadway, causing damage to the guide rail and also personal property damage. They also produced a letter of concern from Richard Gallagher who lives at 1046 Lenape Road, who was unable to attend the meeting, listing his concerns and the number of accidents that he has kept a record of.

Lt. Iacono stated that this has been an ongoing problem and that the township had petitioned PennDOT in 2006 for a reduction of speed in this area and was denied by PennDOT at that time.

Mark Lucas, Township Engineer, was unable to attend the meeting but had provided information to the Committee via e-mail, and had recommended that the township discuss this with the township traffic engineer Gilmore Associates (Amy Kaminsky), for input and suggestions of the best approach with PennDOT. He feels that PennDOT's first recommendation will be for additional signage in the area before any other recommendations are considered and that the township may be required to purchase the signage.

On motion of Mr. Davis and seconded by Mr. Ruggeri, the Traffic Committee recommends to the Board of Supervisors that the township discuss this area of Lenape Road (Rt. 52) with the township traffic engineer Gilmore Associates for suggestions on the best approach with PennDOT. The motion passed unanimously.

Watch Children/Children at Play Signs

Mr. Carroll stated that he has had two requests in the last couple of months for "Watch Children" signs and asked for guidance about the use of the signs. While PennDOT does have an approved "Watch Children" sign in their "Handbook of Approved Signs (Pub. 236)", in an e-mail from Mark Hood, PE with Pennoni Associates and a member of PA LTAP, he discourages their use as they do not control speeds, are ineffective and have not shown that they change driver behavior, speeds, increase awareness or improve the safety of children.

On motion of Mr. Ruggeri and second by Mr. Davis, the Traffic Committee recommends that "Watch Children/ Children at Play" signs not be used and that other options such as the speed trailer be used as a traffic calming measure.

On motion of Mr. DeFonzo and second by Ms. Yarnall the meeting adjourned at 8:55 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Tenley F. Adams
Secretary