

Traffic Safety Committee, Thursday March 14, 2024
Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Whitney Jaeger, Jane Nina, Ken Alan, Frank Costanzo, Ted Otteni, Officer Nick Rubino, supervisor Dana Alan, public attendees Julia Braendel and Beth Intoccia.

7:04 p.m. – Meeting called to order.

Ted made a motion to approve meeting minutes from Jan. 11.

Whitney seconded this motion. Approved unanimously.

Ken requested members to provide attendance status (rsvp's) prior to our meetings.

7:08 p.m. – Officer Rubino provided a traffic report, citing an average of 60 traffic incidents a month, since the start of the year.

81 stops, 3 hit-and-run incidents, 11 non-reportable, 5 reportable, 8 bus violations, 33 traffic violations.

He stated that buses now have cameras onboard and automatic tickets can now be sent for moving infractions.

7:20 p.m. – The Multimodal Plan was discussed, creating safe roadway traverses for bicyclists, walkers, and equestrians, a link between Kimberton village, Birchrunville village and Ludwig's Corner.

Ken is planning on connecting with equine experts Whitney + Barb Mueller and with bicyclist Adrienne on Multimodal advice to advance the Plan.

Julie suggested the board locates and utilizes the "proposed trails" plan created in recent years by the Township.

Whitney remembers the Multimodal meetings were about how to get places safely without using a vehicle. The West Vincent township system would compare to an established system, like the Schuylkill River Trail, with all-inclusive Permitted Trail Uses (walking, running, biking, skiing, horseback riding at a Speed Limit of 15 MPH).

Most of the township Multimodal Plan would be on roads, with various other options discussed by the committee, such a possibly entering Natural Lands Trust from Beaver Hill and traversing toward Schoolhouse Park (note: This terrain is considered too hilly and rocky by local equestrians.)

Page 2.

Multimodal Plan (cont.)

Julie Braendel brought up the idea of entering by way of Natural Lands off Miller Road.

Further avenues and opportunities will continue to be discussed.

8:05 p.m. – Next year's Conestoga Road construction and possible short-term closure was discussed. Ken has been in touch with Chief Mike regarding having increased police presence [along HST] during this extra-active vehicular period. He will also connect with Matt Anderson (PennDOT) with concerns about detour routes, particularly tractor trailers navigating that road. Ken will also connect with West Pikeland township manager, Joe Romano, so we are on the same page together, traffic management-wise, during this project.

8:15 p.m. – Ken has made a connection between our committee with Matt Anderson, PennDOT's District 6 liaison.

Matt suggested the following:

- Residents who have issues with state roads should log them onto the PennDOT contact (comments) page.
- PennDOT offers an interactive One Map, which the public can register to view. It lists local road projects, proposed work, construction, and closures. This committee's members should begin to become acquainted with the One Map.
- Matt had referenced possible grant opportunities for local municipalities with deserving projects.

Page 3.

8:20 p.m. – Line of Sight discussion & a motion made.

Understanding there are lines-of-sight issues on HST (between Pine Drive and Ivy Lane) and similar partial view blockages at HST and Saint Matthews, Ted suggested a field trip to look at the different issue areas. Ken agreed to be a part of that analyzation and a date the following week was set to meet. Ted agrees that engineering would likely not be necessary, due to trees being in or close to the right-of-way. Dana suggested contacting Jacqui to get the request to Mike H.

Ted then made a motion: ***Remove 5 trees within the S-curve between Pine Drive and Ivy Lane on the southside of Horseshoe Trail, and 2 or more trees blocking sight distance at the stop sign at Horseshoe Trail and the southeast side of Saint Matthews Road.***

Frank seconded this motion. It passed unanimously.

8:40 p.m. – Ken related that Adrienne has agreed to spearhead the fall Bike Rodeo, by working in conjunction with Paul Mattes, president of Ludwig's Corner Fire House, through proposed mutually convenient dates. More information is forthcoming about this initiative's progress.

It was agreed the committee would include an upcoming newsletter submission about PennDOT's One Map, once we are fully aware how it operates.

Public Comments:

Beth asked about the Public Works mowing schedule, as it is hard to provide litter cleanups along the Right of Way when the grass is high. Ken will reach out to Kevin Freese for an answer to this question.

Ken read in public comment a letter from Steve Sladek and Suzanne Roth, concerning Hollow Road, Schoolhouse Road, and Flowing Springs across from Schoolhouse Park. The issue raised pertained to overflow traffic from Bitterscotch Pastry Shop, with vehicles encroaching onto the state road. They requested making the west section of Schoolhouse Road one-way.

Page 4.

Public Comments (cont.)

Officers Rubino has responded to a few calls and found slow-moving traffic but no concerns to address further. Whitney stated the weekends are occasionally busy, however traffic is considerate online during the week when the school bus turns onto Hollow Road from Flowing Springs Road.

Brief discussions about a possible safer way to walk into the village from Schoolhouse Park, boundary lines of the Schoolhouse parking lot, and a proposed rerouting of a small section of the HST.

Ken reminded everyone of the next meeting on Thursday, May 9 at 7PM. Ken Miller will be a guest speaker, discussing vehicle operating safety around farm personnel, equipment, and livestock.

For an upcoming newsletter/website submission, Ken will draft information about the PennDOT One Map and its applications.

8:50 p.m. – Ken called for adjournment. Seconded by all.