

Traffic Safety Committee
November 14, 2024, Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

Approved - Jane, approved. Whitney 2nd

No old business.

Ken recognized Kevin Freese from Public Works, for the time he's contributed to this committee, which is Kevin's free time.

Bernie, who was not able to be in attendance, has taken the lead on Flowing Spring Road issues. Bernie reported to Ken who shared that no 3 or 4-way stop will be installed. Stopping on the uphill in snow could be an issue. Bernie also has been working on ceasing the spraying and trying to get PennDOT to actually cut back vegetation. Jane sent Ken an email from Penn DoT's website about how high and how far to the right they would clear. She will re-send if necessary. Bernie to keep the committee up to date.

Ken will follow-up with police and roads crew about installing a mirror at FS and Schoolhouse. Ted mentioned mirrors need to be maintained by whomever installs, and it is pointed in the right direction.

No police report. Moving forward, can we get the report via email moving forward?

No Public Works report.

St Matthews paving update – The road to be paved at some point from Flint Rd to Rt 401 in 2025. Resident complaints (especially from Marty Blumenthal) seem to have led to repairs on St. Matts.

Horseshoe Trail line of sight update – trees along HST are removed, plus additional trees removed. They did a nice job. Ted notes that we need to mow behind the trees in the spring to keep down ground vegetation. Tree at corner of St Matt and HST needs to come out, along with a PECO/Verizon pole (along HST) that we need to ask to have removed.

Whitney raises for future conversation that PECO/Verizon poles are too close to the road. Ted notes that trees will need to be removed in order to move poles. Can we replace plant trees in a separate spot on properties? Work with EAC for tree replacement.

Ken reached out to Verizon and PECO about what is allowed to be placed on utility poles. Ken wants to submit an article to the township newsletter showing what PECO allows to be installed on poles. The goal is to inform the public, not scold. Jane notes the reflective yellow netting squares that are installed on utility poles should not be blocked. More public education is needed around keeping your own property in shape, especially along the roads.

Follow-up on public comment from Bergamont Way, off of Eagle Farms Rd. Suggestion for stop signs on Eagle Farms Rd at Bergamont Way. Ted notes that installing stop signs to control speed is illegal and against the uniform traffic code. Speed limits are to be set at 85% of a combined

measured speed. The installation of stop signs must be approved by the BoS. Ted feels the speed on Eagle Farms Rd is too low at 25mph, which is part of the problem. There have been a fair number of speeding tickets on Eagle Farms Rd. This committee is here to discuss, but not everyone is comfortable weighing in one way or another. The committee would like clarity from the BOS, as to what is public information on the stop sign installation where it is planned.

Shuan Walters email – Ken turning this over to public works and police.

S Beaver Hill Rd vegetation growth issue was misidentified as FS Rd during previous mtgs. This is where the stone wall is on the sharp bend where the road narrows. Public works is aware of the issue, because there is an accessibility issue with the large twp dump truck. This committee is dropping this item and allowing public works to handle. No resident complaints have been filed. Twp dump truck cannot fit.

Terms that are ending – Jane and Whitney are fine to re-start 1 yr term. Jane and Whitney are ok to remain for an additional 1 yr term. Ken to determine what length the terms are. Christine would like to step down and have her position filled by someone else. Marty will think about filling a position.

2024 achievements: tree removal completed; bike rodeo planning underway; in-roads with PennDoT and Chester County, plus Phoenixville Regional Planning; some public education.

One goal Ken wants to put forth to the committee – distribute to township residents at no cost, safety vests thru a min-grant from Phoenixville Community Health Foundation for \$500 for public safety. The committee would like to apply for a grant. Vests with or without monogram of WVT logo. The grant can be used for anything safety-related within the twp.

Jane brought up the covered bridge – Two box trucks were stuck in the bridge recently. Cars are not yielding. Jane would like to know if stop signs are possible on both sides, in order to improve safety, since this is a one-way bridge. The bridge floor is also constantly lifting and needs to be fixed.

Whitney asked to add the 3 1-lane bridges on Flowing Springs to the agenda for 2025.

Adrienne sent Ken a list of themes for 2025.

Jane would like to suggest an educational campaign for 2025 – “Did you know?” tidbits.

For 2025, bike rodeo.

Jane – AARP used to offer a refresher course for driving. Can we investigate if this is still an option – a community class. Can Lori help?

For 2025, identify what we’ll call ‘safety targeted areas’ which are targeted for enforcement and improved safety. Ted said it’s a good idea.

8:30 p.m. – Meeting adjourned.