

West Vincent Township Traffic Safety Committee January 9, 2025, Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Adrienne Boyance, Whitney Jaeger, Jane Nina, Elisa Davis, Marty Blumenthal, Ted Otteni, Ken Alan

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

Action Item: The Committee requests from WVT Police a traffic report, and from Public Works a debrief on road work, prior to each meeting. Additionally, EAC would like to be notified if trees are being taken down, due to sight lines issues.

2025 Committee Reorganization”

Committee Chair: Adrienne nominated Ken, who accepted the position for the current year.

Committee Vice Chair: Ken nominated Adrienne, who accepted the position for the current year.

All voted affirmatively.

Old Business:

[Established Traffic Safety Zone]

Flowing Springs Road at Schoolhouse Lane – Mirror installation discussion (update).

Previously, Public Works was asked to install a mirror facing uphill along Flowing Springs at the northwest corner of that intersection, but this did not occur, due to Mike Hogga stating that PennDOT deemed it not acceptable because of the shrubbery [blockage] on the corner - the Krug property – being the main issue.

However, we agree the mirror’s placement and the encroaching shrubs are two separate issues, with two totally different site line situations.

Motion: We unanimously voted that Ted should visit the area in question and perform a site line assessment/diagram, so we have proper schematics in writing, to present to Public Works for clarification and/or initiation.

Ted agreed to this request.

Additionally, Ken requested the Committee meets soon, at that area, to analyze it further with Ted. Once created, Ted’s diagram will be submitted to the BOS and Public Works for consideration.

On a related point, Whitney reminded the Committee about the nearby bridge [along Flowing Springs Rd.] being a one-lane bridge - *but it’s not marked.*

This was noted as a potential **Safety Sector** (see below for clarification) for future discussion.

Horseshoe Trail PECO pole removal - The leaning pole along HST approaching Saint Matthews Road, which had been deemed a site line blockage by this committee -This is still an open issue.

Background: When Ken spoke with Mike Hogga about this, prior, Mike had stated the pole may be supporting live lines to the Farnham property across the street.

However, a visual assessment indicates there are no wires leading from that pole to the household.

Ken will follow up with Mike, who will, in turn, continue to follow up with PECO.

Bike Rodeo - Adrienne will follow up with Lori McCloskey (Chester County. Highway Safety Project) and Paul Mattes, president of Ludwig’s Corner Fire Company, regarding a possible event date.

Adrienne will reach out to the WVT Elementary School, the local middle & high schools, St.

Elizabeth’s Church, Beth Israel Synagogue, and The Montgomery School – to find out if anyone can help to volunteer on that day.

Safety vest update – Phoenixville’s-based grant-writing entity only offers grants from 501c3 organizations. We’ll keep pursuing this topic.

New Business

West Vincent Township newsletter article – Ken submitted an article about instructive guidelines for posting materials (flags, banners, signs, etc.) on PECO/Verizon poles.

Jane suggested we submit a ‘Did you Know?’ article in the next newsletter about the reflective grids on the PECO/Verizon poles – how they came about, and why they’re there.

Ken offered to write and submit this piece.

A topic for a future newsletter could be the importance of wearing bright colors, reflective clothing, blinkers, flashlights at night, etc., along with the dangers of traversing roads while the sun is directly behind you, causing drivers to lose sight of walkers/runners/bikers.

Ken will work on an article oriented towards this sort of visual safety.

AARP Courses – Jane, through her diligent and helpful research, says the driving instructor for AARP needs a room with a projector and a screen. It is an 8-hour course, taught in two, 4-hour sessions. AARP members pay \$20.00 and non-members pay \$25.00. Students completing the course will receive a discount on their auto insurance. Companies must provide a discount with proof of a completion certificate, and it is good for three years.

Discussion on this important topic will continue at the March meeting.

(Thanks, Jane, for your efforts in gathering this information!)

TRAFFIC SAFETY ZONES

The committee agreed to consider certain roadways in our township to be deemed as potential Traffic Safety Zones. These are areas which deserve extra attention and consideration, due to a number of issues – including heightened speeds, narrow roads, line-of-sight issues, etc.

Ken asked the committee members to individually submit their Target Safety Zones by Jan. 31 for future discussion.

Public Comment

Suzanne Roth (resident participant) requests that the Township re-paves Schoolhouse Ln.

Ken suggested Suzanne come to the next BOS meeting to state her case. “Our committee only has so much sway. It’s the Board that can weigh-in on your request, and potentially do something about it.”

Suzanne asks if we can review the speed limit at Flowing Springs/Schoolhouse Lane. The committee feels we can discuss the speed limit and limits in general in a future meeting.

In a related comment, Suzanne asked if this committee could approach PennDOT to learn if they can paint ‘SLOW’ on the downhill of Flowing Springs Road (above Schoolhouse Lane).

[The Committee discussed but did not vote on this action item.]

Suzanne also asked if we could request the Butterscotch Bakery owners to post driving reminders at their pastry shop.

Discussion ensued. No determination was given by the committee.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40p