

Traffic Safety Committee March 13, 2025, Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Ken Alan, Marty Blumenthal, Jane Nina, Ted Otteni, BOS liaison Bernie Couris

- I. **The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.**
- II. **Request to approve January 9, 2025, meeting minutes.** Marty approved/Ted 2nd.
- III. **WVT Police Report** (Jan – present) - ***Marty requested the police clear up what acronyms are on the report [“ACCREP/ACCNON/ACCDRV/ACCHRN/Traf-D”]. Ken will request clarity from Chief Mike/Ruth.***
- IV. **Public Works roads/right of way updates** - Ken read Mike Hogga’s summation of roadwork occurring currently. Bernie briefly explained the ongoing discussions between the BOS and Public Works regarding the many variables (water remediation/re-paving) to Schoolhouse Lane (between FSR & Hollow Rd.). Bernie also shared that he contacted the offices of representatives Christine Howard and Kathy Muth, seeking assistance with cutting back overgrowth to the right-of-way along FSR by the ruins, and near Saint Matthews. “Their offices don’t have the time or personnel to dedicate to those projects,” he stated, “but I will keep on trying.” Marty noted that Asplundh has been marking many dead ash trees along roadways, thinking it will take “three to five years” for them to eradicate the trees.

Old Business:

- V. **An update from Ted pertaining to the last meeting’s committee MOTION regarding Ted visiting the Schoolhouse Lane intersection with Flowing Springs Road, to determine the need for the prospective usage of a mirror (for a better line of sight facing eastbound along FSR).** Ted shared he doesn’t “know where a mirror would go, since the telephone pole is to the left of the intersection – the mirror would have to go across the street on the existing pole; not a good place for it because it would require drivers to look left in order to track vehicles coming from the right.” Ted also believes a mirror located further uphill is unlikely, in part because the property owner there [who is very property protective] won’t allow it.” Ken brought up the idea of putting a crosswalk at Schoolhouse Park along with a “Slow, Crosswalk” sign there. Further discussion will occur on this proposition.
- VI. **Bike Rodeo update:** Ken read Adrienne’s report – “Lori McClosky [Chesco. Highway Safety Project director] suggested we do...maybe June 7th before school ends, or later once people return from post-school travels. If not June, September...There’s a bike rodeo in Phoenixville on 03, May.” Marty, Jane and Ken expressed interest in attending this event to learn more about how a bike rodeo works. Adrienne and Ken are going to discuss this initiative via phone, with ongoing email updates from Adrienne to the rest of the committee.

- VII. **Traffic Safety Target zones** – Marty, Ken and Jane each gave brief overviews of their respective roadway candidates. The committee agreed to wait for Adrienne, Whitney and Elisa to be present, to be able to fully present their own zone recommendations. **Ken made a Motion: “To design a map for the newsletter, the website, and for public display in the township building, which will spotlight areas the Traffic Safety Committee deems to be Traffic Safety Zones” (areas determined to require raised caution).** Marty seconded. The resolution was unanimously approved. **We agreed to get input from Chief Mike and from our Solicitor on this matter and, also, to denote/disclaim on the map that these Zones are advisements from resident volunteers and not from hired professional engineers. Furthermore, three Zones were denoted as starting points on the map: 1. The entire Birchrunville village (FSR, both Schoolhouse Lanes, Hollow Road from FSR to Schoolhouse Lane.) 2. Sheeder Hall Bridge, and 3. Horseshoe Trail from Birchrun Road to the Art School Rd./Chester Springs Rd. intersection.**
- VIII. **Jane made a MOTION, recommending to the BOS to contact PennDot to request replacement of the traffic signage hazard markers and the non-reflective yield sign at the Sheeder Hall bridge.** Marty 2nd. The Motion unanimously passed.
- IX. **Township newsletter articles updates:** Ken reported that Jane’s suggested “Did you know...?” spotlight on yellow safety grids [on roadside poles] + Adrienne’s article suggestion to wearing bright clothing when the sun is low & blinding are pending, since a Winter newsletter containing Ken’s TSC article roadside pole adornment etiquette [by residents and businesses] is still awaiting publishing. Ken will produce and submit those two articles once the next newsletter is released by Administration.

New Business:

- X. **AARP Driver’s refresher courses.** Jane spoke with AARP instructor Greg Cindric. He would be happy to teach the course, consisting of two 4-hour sessions within one week. Greg suggests holding these [in the township building meeting room] during morning hours. Greg, who is a volunteer, said the cost is \$20 for AARP members and \$25 for non-members. A passing Certificate is good for 3 years and can help lower insurance costs along with enhance/refresh driver’s abilities. A minimum of 5 participants/Maximum of 25 participants is required. Sign-up would be through the TSC@westvincenttp.org email address. This event would be promoted via the township website, township Facebook page, and on West Vincent Voices. Jane is going to follow up with Greg to initiate.
- XI. **Ken announced a new Trails Committee for West Vincent Township.** He recommends others who might be interested, they visit its page on the township website.
- XII. Adjourn: 8:52 p.m.