

## West Vincent Township Traffic Safety Committee, May 8, 2025, Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Jane Nina, Marty Blumenthal, Adrienne Boyance, Whitney Jaeger, Elisa Davis, Ken Alan, Supervisor Liaison Bernie Couris

Meeting called to order at 7:07 p.m.

March 13, 2025, meeting minutes – Approved by Jane. Whitney seconded, All in favor.

The printed police report was provided. The Committee is asked to monitor the report for possible ongoing safety issues – i.e. accidents. Whitney asked if we could obtain time-of-traffic monitoring tickets issued, and Jane asked if it can be ordered by location and then date and time. As follow-up, could we have the file as Excel and just sort and filter ourselves. Ken stated he will bring these requests to Police/Administration.

Public Works, road report: Overlay of roads is out to bid – see email from Mike Hogga. Saint Andrews Lane is in front of the Board and money is being sought to re-engineer and pave it. Whitney reminded the committee that the dirt roads are part of the wider twp system. The committee would like to keep the internal dirt roads but look for alternative road surfaces beyond just dirt. The committee could advise the board to enact a Dirt Roads Traveling reminders campaign. Marty raised the concern for fire trucks getting into Upper Uwchlan township, via St. Andrews Ln. Bernie will check on the outstanding issues preventing the unpaved section from being paved and what is needed to complete the project. Engineering assessment has been completed, but the cost to add drainage and re-engineer the road, plus pave, is \$1.2 million. The section of St Andrews was raised as a discussion topic at this committee because it was discussed in 2024 that paving the St Andrews dirt road section would provide cyclists a much safer alternative for traveling east/west than the hilly and curvy section of Rt 401 btwn Pottstown Pk and Fairview Rd.

Noted during this discussion: All township requests should be directed to township manager Tommy Ryan.

Bike Rodeo update: ChesCo Planning would like to delay to later September to more widely advertise. The team has an assignment to send thoughts on how to best advertise – Owen J Mountain Bike Club Heather Dotsey, the preschools, the elementary schools (St. Elizabeth's), bulletin at the library, HOA newsletter, churches, fire house sign, Ludwig's Horse Show.

Sheeder Hall Bridge: A yield sign is so worn is not reflective or readable; Jane believes one side has a different speed than the other (Ken notes the speed through the bridge is 35mph); a 'lane narrows' sign is missing; the boards are not being properly maintained (cracking and lifting and not replaced); recommendation is to add stop signs on either side of the bridge. Jane suggests the bridge authority in KoP may be able to assist, but Ken suggests we take this to Tommy. Jane and Ken will meet at the bridge to take photos and assess the issues. Marty suggests markings well ahead of the bridge for bridge height. Ted suggested lights inside the bridge. Do police have any data on the bridge?

Island maintenance at Hollow Rd and Birchrun Rd. – Adrienne will reach out to Tommy to see if it can be maintained all summer.

Twp newsletter article: Article submitted for the grids on the utility poles as safety item; the AARP driver's course...spring and summer are combined. Autumn issue needs topics (being visible while on the road on foot, bike, horse is a possible topic).

AARP driver's refresher course is scheduled for 29May and 05Jun 8:45a – 1p (Thu). Must do both dates. Jane has place flyers around at different places. So far, 2 people have signed up. Course needs 5 to proceed.

Public comments:

Ken would still like to provide safety vests free to residents. Marty provided a site with inexpensive vests, but none have yet been purchased. Consider putting together a list of safety items to keep in your car.

Adrienne suggests a Twp info board in the lobby of the twp building, so twp happenings can be very visibly advertised.

Twp supervisors are handling the Butterscotch parking situation. Ken suggests for a future agenda about one of the Village business's directing people up a state road to park at the Todd and Todd Accountants building. Whitney would like to have a field trip for roads safety to assess what we can suggest for road safety for the pedestrians parking and walking on Flowing Springs Rd. Butterscotch are working on a plan to install a walking path along FS on their property.

Adrienne adding to next mtg the suggestion to add Westover as a safety area.

Jane: Can we take our WV Twp roads map and highlight where accidents happen regularly? The map will be discussed more during our next mtg.

Jane: The Iron Tour and concerns with Hollow Rd safety. Can the route be re-directed off Hollow Rd? Adrienne will follow-up to suggest this. Follow-up: course could not be re-routed, but this will be considered for 2026 if PennDoT continues to neglect Hollow Rd maintenance.

Elisa: would like an education campaign for all road users. Topic of horses and bikes and the need to educate people with how to interact.

Ken: could we get a local news station here to feature our Roads Safety Committee and safety topics? Also, should we get on the agenda for a BoS mtg to review what we're doing? Ken willing to attend and review. Follow-up: Ken is presenting at the BoS mtg on 2025-07-07.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.