

Lower Makefield Township

Citizens Traffic Commission

April 15, 2019

Meeting Minutes

Present: Virginia Torbert, Chair; Art Cohn, Vice-Chair; Catherine Chia-Calabria; Sue Herman; Scott Weaner

Also in attendance was Keller Arnold, LMT Resident

Mrs. Torbert called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

Capstone Terrace Sketch Plan – After discussion of the Capstone sketch plan, it was agreed that Mrs. Torbert will draft a letter to Mr. Majewski, expressing the opposition of the CTC to granting a special exception to Capstone for the warehouse they want to build on Stony Hill Road, near Township Line Road across from Shady Brook Farm. The primary concern is with all of the additional traffic that would be generated in an already congested area.

Lower Makefield Corporate Center, North and South Campuses – After reviewing the plans, it was agreed that since neither plan includes changes in existing entrances or exits, the CTC has no specific concerns. In addition, the CTC assumes that the review letter from the Township Traffic Engineer (Traffic Planning & Design) will flag any issues with parking and driveway modifications.

Traffic Problem Reporting Form Revisions – Mrs. Torbert presented and reviewed the proposed revised form. There was discussion about another change that the CTC would like to make, i.e., to convert the form to a fillable PDF form. After discussion indicating that this is an easily doable change, Mrs. Torbert agreed to get Township Manager Ferguson's input on whether the change can be made.

Approve March 2019 Minutes – Mr. Weaner made a motion to approve the March minutes, Mrs. Chia-Calabria seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Update on Traffic Signal Timing Issues –

Edgewood/Black Rock/Yardley-Morrisville – Per Capt. Roche, the Township Safety Officer, the timing of this light was off and has since been repaired. Per the Public Works Director, Greg Hucklebridge, the Township is working with PECO to get the streetlight at Edgewood and Kings working again.

Stony Hill/Stony Hill and Township Line Road – Also per Capt. Roche, regarding the traffic signal at Stony Hill/Stony Hill & Township Line. The time of day was off by three hours, so the timer was not running the correct program during rush hour. The timer was corrected, and the light is cycling properly again.

Stony Hill & Newtown Bypass. The camera for E/B Bypass is not operational, so the intersection is running off of historical data. This is likely what is causing the W/B approach to get shorted. Signal

maintenance is meeting the persons who maintain the By-Pass system. Hopefully repairs can be made quickly, unless they have to replace the camera.

Other Business –

Mrs. Torbert received an email from a Twining Road resident who complained about speeding cars. After discussion, it was agreed that Mrs. Torbert will ask him to complete the Traffic Problem Reporting form.

In response to a question about the Status of the LMT Comprehensive Plan, Mrs. Torbert indicated that it is still with the Bucks County Planning Commission but is closer to being approved.

There was some discussion of the previously raised issue of the lack of a school zone in front of William Penn Middle School. Mrs. Torbert did note that a number of other improvements to nearby intersections are scheduled to be made this spring.

With no further business to discuss, the April 15, 2019 meeting of the Citizens Traffic Commission was adjourned at 9:00pm. The next meeting of the CTC will be held on May 20 at 7:30pm in the LMT Municipal Building.

Respectfully Submitted,

Virginia Torbert, Chairperson