

ROADS, HIGHWAYS & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
MONDAY, MARCH 5, 2018

Present: N. Shropshire, S. Byrne, B. Clark, A. Parker

Chairman, Norman Shropshire, called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

A. Painter Road Traffic Request

Mr. Patrick Egan, 576 Painter Road, stated on August 9, 2017, there was a run-off-the-road crash where the car traveling eastbound coming out of the curve ran off the road into his property, crashing through bushes and two fences before hitting his car parked in his driveway. He stated the wood post at Tyler Arboretum has been hit many times. Mr. Egan stated one out of every four cars encroaches upon the center line. Mr. Shropshire asked what he wanted the Township to do. Mr. Egan suggested speed bumps. Mr. Parker suggested from his traffic study report he recommends to install center line rumble strips and more visible signage. He stated speed bumps cannot be installed close to a curve in the road. Mr. Parker stated a stop sign would cause problems as the road is not a three leg intersection.

Mr. Chris Vlot, 74 E. Forge Road, stated he is hesitant about the rumble strips because of the noise. Mr. Parker stated the strips would be center line only and not on the right edge. Mr. Shropshire asked how the work will proceed. Mr. Clark stated most of the work could be done through the Township Public Works Department. He stated they could trim the vegetation. Mr. Vlot asked if grading work could be done. Mr. Clark stated they would have to look to see if it could be done. He stated he does not want to impact large trees. Mr. Clark stated he would have to find a contractor to do the rumble strip. Mr. Vlot asked if another traffic study could be done after all the improvements are completed. Mr. Clark stated this could be done.

B. War Admiral Lane Traffic Request

Ms. Amy Grady, 31 War Admiral Lane, stated there is a dangerous issue with traffic on War Admiral Lane. She stated cars are using the street as a cut-through to Baltimore Pike. She stated cars are rolling through stop signs, passing cars at the stop sign or not stopping at all at the stop sign. Ms. Grady stated she has witnessed a car passing a stopped school bus. She stated it is a dangerous situation and has concerns for the children waiting for the school bus.

Mr. Jeff Kyle, 29 War Admiral Lane, expressed his concerns with traffic cutting through and using War Admiral Lane. He stated it is difficult for him to back out of his driveway in the morning due to the speeding cars. He stated the cars are going 50 miles per hour. He asked if the Township could install speed bumps on War Admiral Lane. Mr. Shropshire stated he is against speed bumps in the Township. Ms. Bibbiana Dussling, 76 War Admiral Lane, stated the State Police have been called on a number of occasions, but they cannot be there patrolling every day. She stated the worst times are in the morning. She stated this is a dangerous situation and does not want any children to be hurt by this situation. Ms. Dussling asked for a traffic study. She stated the PennDot highway manual recommends the installation of speed bumps. Mr. Clark stated War Admiral Lane is the main collector road that allows traffic through the development. Mr. Shropshire stated there must be a

consensus from the entire neighborhood as to whether they want speed bumps. Ms. Dussling stated most of the residents on War Admiral would like to have speed bumps installed and if other residents do not want the speed bumps, they can use another road for entering into the development. Mr. Shropshire stated when the Township was asked by Glen Loch homeowners to make limited parking access and reduced speed on St. Andrews Drive there were more complaints from other HOA residents who opposed the parking changes. Mr. Shropshire asked the residents to continue to deal with Mr. Carlson with their issues. Mr. Clark stated he will have a traffic study done. He said the process would take a few weeks to complete.

Pembroke Drive (not an agenda item)

Ms. Diana Stroffolino, 2 Pembroke Drive, stated she brought the stop sign issue before the committee in the summer. She asked what is the follow up to her inquiry. She explained the school bus stops on Wynmoor Road to pick up the children. She asked for a stop sign to be placed on Pembroke Drive to help with the cars cutting through at high speeds. Mr. Parker stated stop signs will not decrease speeds. He suggested this could lead to more cars blowing through the stop sign. Mr. Clark suggested the school bus could pick the children up by stopping on Pembroke Drive instead of Wynmoor which would stop all cars on Pembroke Drive. Mr. Parker stated a traffic study should be completed and he will address other ways to make the intersection safe. Mr. Clark stated he will get a formal report from the traffic engineering firm, McCormick Taylor, and will present it to the committee to determine what ideas they would want to pursue. He stated he will follow up within thirty days. He stated the next Roads, Highways & Public Safety meeting will be held on April 2, 2018.

Stephen Drive (not an agenda item)

Mr. David Chartier, 41 Stephen Drive, asked the committee to install a stop sign on Stephen Drive. Mr. Chartier handed out a map indicating locations of other stop signs in the area. Mr. Clark explained the stop signs he referenced were not in Middletown Township. Mr. Chartier stated there is a visibility issue when making a left-hand turn from Stephen Drive onto Forge Road. Mr. Parker stated he understands the problem and will look into it. He stated he does not want to create more safety issues. Mr. Clark stated Mr. Parker will look into the problem.

There being no further questions, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sharon Browne, Recorder