

ROADS, HIGHWAY AND PUBLIC SAFETY  
COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2018

Present: Russ Carlson, Walter "Bok" Read, Norman Shropshire, Andrew Haines

1. 3-Way Stop request: Painter-W. Rose Tree Road

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Ms. Mary Anne Eves, 58 Barren Road, stated every morning and most days on her drive back to work from lunch at home, she drives down Barren Road past Penncrest High School, turns right onto Painter Road, then turns left onto Rose Tree Road where Painter Road ends. She stated there is a stop sign at Painter Road but not on either side of Rose Tree Road at the intersection. Ms. Eves stated cars travel far faster than the 25 MPH posted speed limit and is very concerned that when the bowling alley/movie theater complex opens at the Promenade at Granite Run that Baltimore Pike, the Media By-Pass and Middletown Road will become grid-locked with traffic. She stated it will only be a matter of a few weeks before people discover that Rose Tree Road is a "backway" to the Promenade. Ms. Eves requested the Committee consider posting stop signs on both sides of the intersection of Rose Tree Road and Painter Road. Mr. Shropshire stated this is a state road and the request must go before PennDot. He stated the Township will reach out to PennDot for their recommendations.

2. Speeding on Barren Road

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Mr. Morris Fansler, 60 Barren Road, stated he is concerned with the volume of traffic and the disregard for the posted 35 MPH speed limit on Barren Road. He stated Barren Road is a major cut-through for commuters as well as commercial vehicles, and this is in addition to the school-related traffic. Mr. Fansler stated he is also concerned about the cresting hill approaching the entrance to Lima Methodist Church; not only speeding but hidden from sight until they crest the hill. He stated it is very difficult to exit his driveway because of the speeding and the crest of the hill hiding vehicles. Mr. Shropshire stated Barren Road is a state road. Mr. Haines stated the Township can place two portable speed checks on Barren Road. Mr. Haines stated he will work with PennDot to do a traffic study. Mr. Fansler stated there is only one speed limit sign between Painter Road and Rt. 352. He asked if the Township could install more speed limit signs. Mr. Fansler stated the school buses are also speeding on Barren Road. Mr. Fansler asked if some article can be put in the Township newsletter regarding his concerns. Mr. Haines stated he will speak to Meredith Merino who is the editor of the newsletter regarding his concerns. He stated he will also reach out to PennDot.

3. Traffic Study for 15 MPH: Vineyard Lane

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Mr. Haines stated Ms. Cathy Maryon of Vineyard Lane has contacted the Township with her concerns regarding speeding on Vineyard Lane. She has asked if the speed limit can be reduced from 25MPH to 15MPH. Mr. Haines stated this is a difficult scenario considering the roadway is a cul-de-sac, as there is only 750 feet of roadway before a significant bend in the road, and 15MPH are reserved for school zones or areas supported by traffic studies. Staff did not support the traffic study cut-through traffic is not impacting this roadway of 12 homes. The Committee supported not moving forward with the request.

#### 4. Traffic Signal Studies:

- a. 352/Glen Riddle Road (left-hand movement)
- b. 352/Knowlton Road (left-hand movement)

Mr. Haines stated there have been a number of complaints brought to the Township regarding making a left-hand turn from Glen Riddle Road onto Rt. 352. He stated he will contact PennDot for a traffic study. Mr. Haines stated he will ask PennDot for a study at Knowlton Road as well. Mr. Shropshire stated the turn arrow on to Knowlton Road worked very well. Mr. Read stated when the train lets out at Elwyn Train Station, it becomes very difficult to make a left-hand turn from Glen Riddle onto Rt. 352. Staff will contact PennDOT for studies.

#### 5. Act 209 Study and enabling impact fees

Mr. Haines stated that Act 209 is a State eligible ordinance plan for traffic. He stated land developers contribute to a fund which will go towards traffic improvements throughout the entire Township as established on the study. Mr. Shropshire stated this is the same concept used for the Parks and Recreation fee-in-lieu fund. Mr. Haines stated an advisory committee consisting of members of the Planning Commission and real estate developers could be structured, as suggested in the provided material from the State. Mr. Shropshire asked if a formula is used to calculate the fees, and Mr. Haines advised the future capital projects would create the per-trip value within the 209 study. Mr. Shropshire asked if this Act 209 should be introduced by an Ordinance. Mr. Haines stated it must be introduced.

#### 6. Do Not Enter/Local Traffic Only: 352 and Harvard/Pembroke/Mt. Alverno/Wynmoor area

Mr. Haines stated it was requested of the Township to look into signage that will help to further control traffic in this area. Mr. Read stated in speaking with residents on Pembroke Drive, one said the stop sign worked and another stated it made no difference. Mr. Haines stated McCormick Taylor advised to install "Do Not Enter-Local Traffic Only" used along Pennell Road are not MUTCD approved. Mr. Shropshire stated he would like the signage to be tastefully done and to try to avoid numerous signs installed. Mr. Haines stated he will investigate the best solution to the traffic issues in this area and start with "Local Traffic Only" signs.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sharon Browne, Recorder