



AGENDA

TRAFFIC CALMING COMMITTEE

Thursday, March 3, 2022

7:30 PM

Via Web-Conference

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1. Call to Order
2. Approval of minutes from the December 2, 2021 Meeting (see attached).
3. Update on the petition request for speed humps at either Valley Road or Sharpless Road.
4. Update on PennDOT survey.
5. Adjournment.

Robert Zienkowski
Township Manager

The regular meeting of the TRAFFIC CALMING COMMITTEE for December 2021 was held tonight via Zoom Web-Conference. Members in attendance were: Irv Brockington, Ann Rappoport, Brooke Welsh, Stephen Koniers, Kia Baker, Denise Rolfe and Trevor Woodward. Not in attendance was Rebecca Kelly.

Staff present: Sergeant Jesse Tyler, CTPD; Ashley Lupino, Executive Assistant and Eileen Wass, Administrative Assistant to Chief of Police.

1. **Call to order-** Mr. Brockington called the meeting of the Traffic Calming Committee to order at 7:31 p.m.
2. **Approval of Minutes-** Upon motion of Mr. Brockington, the Committee unanimously approved the Traffic Calming Meeting Minutes dated September 2, 2021.
3. **Introduction of new Acting Chief of Police John Slavin-** Acting Chief of Police, John Slavin gave a little background on his experience with the Cheltenham Township Police Department and noted that traffic issues are number one facing the department. He took questions from the committee and pledged transparency, listening to community concerns, improve public safety, enforcing the traffic laws and that he is open to ideas to improve traffic issues.
4. **Update on the petition request for speed humps at either Valley Road or Sharp-** Sgt. Tyler reviewed the traffic study at this location and the department's recommendations. After discussion and based on the policy, it was decided to move forward and develop a plan regarding the three locations for temporary speed cushions within budget restraints. After the plan is developed, it will go back to the residents on the affected streets and a percentage of approval is needed from those residents to move ahead. After that, the plan will be presented to the Public Safety Committee. Sgt. Tyler wasn't sure if an ordinance will need to be changed and Mr. Brockington said he would reach out to the solicitor to see if an ordinance change needs to be implemented. The approval of four commissioners will be needed for this to move forward. Sgt. Tyler will reach out to Chris Clewell from Public Works for prices. Per the policy, the plan will be distributed to the residents along with ballots via US Mail. Mr. Kelly can talk to the residents as well. Follow up to the petition is built into the policy to see if the traffic calming is working.
5. **Follow up on the new speed limit signs on Limekiln Pike between 73 and Glenside Avenue (north bound)-**Sgt. Tyler had the missing traffic signs along this stretch of Limekiln Pike on the southbound side replaced. The speed limit along this stretch increases from 25mph to 35mph and the vehicle code does not allow enforcement within 500 feet past the signs. There was some further discussion on the speed limits throughout the Township and on state roads. PennDOT would need to be consulted and approve all change in speed limits on state roads.
6. **Thanks to Cheltenham Township Police Department for the construction marquee sign at the bottom of Limekiln Pike warning motorist to slow down in conjunction with the digital speed limit sign on top of the hill. North bound traffic has slowed tremendously-**Moveable signs have been in place and are being moved around the township to encourage safe driving. The Police Department is adding more radar signs and will spread them around the township as well. Mr. Woodland asked about adding a crosswalk at Church & Washington Lane but since it's a state road, PennDOT would need to get involved and approve. Mr. Brockington suggested contacting the State Representatives and stay on top of them to put pressure on PennDOT. Mr. Woodland noted his interest in trails and community led him to this committee and while it isn't traffic calming, the two intertwine. Ms. Baker reminded the committee that businesses and residents clear snow from the sidewalks so people won't have to walk in the street. She asked to speak offline to Mr. Brockington regarding a small patch with no sidewalk along Front & Ashbourne. Ms. Baker said social media is great to get the word out but asked if there was a sign-up to receive alerts from the township. Mr. Brockington said it's on the website and the link was shared on the zoom chat feature. Ms. Rappoport

said residents can call Public Works come back and remove snow from areas where they plowed previously and it has built up, especially around bus stops.

7. **Other Business-** Ms. Baker suggested Chief Slavin go into the schools to introduce himself along with some other department members. Chief Slavin has served as a school liaison officer previously and thanked her for the suggestion.
8. There being no further business, upon motion of Mr. Brockington, and unanimously approved by the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.



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per Eileen Wass