

College Township
Local Traffic Advisory Committee
2005 Organizational Meeting
Wednesday, November 9, 2005

Members

Present: Garry Williams, Public Works Director
Kent Baker, Township Engineer
Cristol Gregory, Resident
Janet Sulzer, Resident
Dave Felice, Resident

Members

Absent: David Fryer, Council
Roger Downing, Resident

Staff: Susan Hetzel, Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Sulzer, Past-Chair called the Wednesday, November 9, 2005 meeting of the College Township Local Traffic Advisory Committee to order at 7:00 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and introduction of members. Extending a special welcome to the new member, David Felice.

ACKNOWLEDEMENT OF INFORMATIVE MATERIAL

▪ LTAC Member List and Contact Information

The Committee reviewed the list for accuracy and corrections were noted.

Ms. Gregory stated that Mr. Downing's home has been sold and it is her understanding that he is now residing in State College Borough. Verification of this information would leave an opening on the Committee. The Committee directed that Council's Secretary be made aware of the information.

▪ LTAC Traffic Calming Guidelines and the Pennsylvania Traffic Calming Handbook

2005 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

ELECTION OF OFFICERS - The committee unanimously agreed that the Local Traffic Advisory Committee (LTAC) 2005 Election of Officers would be deferred to the 2006 Organizational Meeting.

The Committee set the 2006 Organizational Meeting date for Wednesday, February 8, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - None

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

CLOVER ROAD TRAFFIC DATA-Mr. Baker stated that although Council has not received a formal request for traffic calming studies this year, there have been a number of complaints about speeding. Some were from the Clover Road area. (Clover Road provides a direct connection from East College Avenue to Elmwood Street and does not have curbs or sidewalks.) The concerns of the complainant were high volumes of vehicles and the speeds that were being traveled, particularly observed in the hours that children would be walking to and from the school bus stop located at Clover Road and Elmwood Streets. Mr. Baker spoke with Sgt. Ohs, State College

Police Department regarding the complaint. To aid Mr. Baker in addressing the complaints, Sgt. Ohs offered to set up a traffic-monitoring device on Clover Road to collect data for analysis.

Mr. Baker briefly reviewed the operation of the traffic-monitoring device; the device has the capability to receive command requests that are entered into the data base program for traffic counts and speeds to be monitored for a period of time. The data collected is downloaded for printing of the collected data reports. The device also has the option (as the vehicle passes) to post the radar-detected speed on an LED display or not display the radar-detected speed.

Mr. Baker highlighted a hand out of the unofficial traffic data collected on Clover Road by Sgt. Ohs of the State College Police Department. Further stating that the data not only provides him with direction to address the complainant, it also provides our new member with a concept of the LTAC's function and our veteran members with a refresher course. Data collected as follows:

Clover Road – Southbound:

- Thursday, September 29th through Monday, October 3rd-Traffic count & speed (not displayed)
- Tuesday, October 4th through Monday, October 10th-Traffic count & speed (not displayed)
- Tuesday, October 11th through Monday, October 17th-Traffic count & speed (displayed)

Clover Road – Northbound:

- Tuesday, October 18th through Monday, October 25th-Traffic count & speed (not displayed)
- Tuesday, October 26th through Monday, October 31st-Traffic count & speed (not displayed)
- Tuesday, November 1st and currently being collected.

The committee reviewed that the brief areas with zero data were due to the periodic battery life of the device. Also observed that the utilization of displaying the radar-detected speed did not alter the driver's behavior to speed. The Committee concluded that the review and verification of the data collected was consistent. The data comparison was applied to the *"College Township Traffic Calming Guidelines, Section B-LTAC Compiles Supporting Data, Item 3-Document Speeding and/or Cut-through Problem and Determine Eligibility."* The committee determined that the data does not meet the criteria for cut-through traffic, which requires at least 100 vehicles per peak hour in one direction. However, the data does indicate that 85% of the vehicles were recorded to be traveling 30 mph, which is 5 mph over the posted speed, which is very close to the required criteria of 85% exceeding 7 mph over the posted speed. Since this is unofficial data, for information only, there was no further action.

MINUTES FROM THIS MEETING-The Committee directed that the minutes be forwarded (via: email) for review and comments prior to the next scheduled meeting Wednesday, February 8, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Gregory moved to adjourn the November 9, 2005 meeting of the College Township Local Traffic Advisory Committee at 7:35 p.m.

Mr. Baker seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan M. Hetzel

Susan M. Hetzel, Recording Secretary

Minutes Approved: Wednesday, February 8, 2006

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