

MT. LEBANON TRAFFIC BOARD

Meeting Date: September 5, 2012

Members Present: Ms. Brown, Ms. Meub, Mr. Petulla, Mr. DiGioia, Mr. Adams, Mr. Byrne

Staff Present: Lt. McMurtrie, Ms. Jampole, Ms. Kostelich

Mr. DiGioia opened the meeting. Roll call was taken, all were present.

Agenda Item 1 – Administrative Discussion

Mr. DiGioia stated that board members met earlier in the month to discuss the new Traffic Management Policy and some edits were recommended. Mr. DiGioia stated that he will complete those edits and present the completed policy at the October 2012 meeting for a vote by board members.

Agenda Item 2 - Minutes of June 6, 2012 Traffic Board Meeting

Motion was made to approve the minutes from the June 6, 2012 Traffic Board meeting. The motion to approve the minutes was seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 3 - Opening Remarks from the Chair

No additional remarks were made.

Agenda Item 4 - Follow up items.

- *Request to discuss the lack of 25MPH signs in Washington Road business district*

Ms. Jampole of Trans Associates did an evaluation of the business district on Washington Road and made the following recommendations. She recommended a new speed limit sign for northbound Washington Road 300 feet north of the cemetery driveway between Oak Way and Florence Place; a "Begin" plaque for the existing northbound sign at the intersection of Washington Road and Castle Shannon Blvd.; a new end speed limit sign is recommended for northbound Washington Road between Scott Road and Peermont Avenue; and the replacement of the existing end speed limit sign on southbound Washington Road at Castle Shannon Blvd. with a compliant MUTCD sign. A motion was made to approve all recommendations made, motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

- *Request for traffic study at intersection of Cedar Blvd and Hollycrest/Salem Drives*

Ms. Jampole stated that Trans Associates performed a field view of the area and collected sight distance measurement. The study found that the sight distance is adequate if vehicles are parked legally on the street and vehicles are operating at the posted speed limit. Both of these are enforceable. Crash data was also collected and there were three crashes in the previous three years at this intersection. This does not meet the criteria, which is 5 crashes per year for 3 consecutive years, for the installation of a traffic signal. Ms. Jampole stated that sight distance doesn't seem to be the problem, it is more an issue of speed. Mr. DiGioia suggested a new speed study be completed to determine if they could then remove parking spaces based on speeds. Mr. Holt, 779 Lebanon Drive stated that when big SUVs or delivery trucks are parked in the parking spaces you cannot see when exiting Hollycrest onto Cedar Blvd. Mr. Halper, 767 Lebanon Avenue stated that he does not agree that the sight lines are good. He also suggested if parking spaces are removed that some type of barrier be installed because delivery trucks will still park there. Ms. Jampole also recommended a crosswalk be installed on Salem Drive. Speed and volume data will be collected and Ms. Jampole will report her findings and recommendations at the October meetin.

Agenda Item 5 – Request for Left Turn Only sign at Traffic Light on Shady Dr. East and Washington Road

Mr. Tom Stypula, 424 Mapleton Avenue requested additional signage for Left Turn Only lane on Shady Drive East at Washington Road. The left lane is directly across from Shady Drive West and drivers think that is the lane to go straight across Washington Road. Ms. Jampole suggested a side mounted channel sign and possibly paint an additional arrow further down Shady Drive West. Board members requested Ms. Jampole do a further study of the intersection and report her findings at the October meeting.

Agenda Item 6 – Items from the Floor

Commissioner Bendel was in attendance and reported to the board that there is currently an unassigned fund balance and a public hearing is scheduled for September 11, 2012 and invited board members to attend to. Currently most of the funds are slated for recreation but there is a line item for traffic calming of \$50,000.00. The new policy should help guide the priority of the projects.

There were no further items. Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for October 3, 2012

cc: All attendees
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