

MT. LEBANON TRAFFIC BOARD

Meeting Date: November 7, 2012

Members Present: Ms. Brown, Ms. Meub, Mr. Adams, Mr. Byrne, Ms. West

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

Mr. Byrne opened the meeting. Roll call was taken, Mr. DiGioia and Mr. Petulla were absent.

Agenda Item 1 – Administrative Discussion

Agenda Item 2 - Minutes of October 3, 2012 Traffic Board Meeting

Motion was made to approve the minutes from the October 3, 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

Mr. Byrne stated that the edits and revisions have been made to the new Neighbor Traffic Maintenance Program and have been sent on to Commissioners for approval. Commissioners will vote on the policy at the November 13, 2012 Commission meeting. Mr. Byrne invited all board members to attend the meeting.

Agenda Item 4 - Request for Traffic Calming on Longridge Drive

Commissioner Fraasch stated she was present to represent the residents of Longridge on this request. Ms. Fraasch stated she attended a block party on Longridge Drive and many residents complained of heavy traffic volumes and speeding on this street since the no left turn restrictions were added on Salem Drive at Bower Hill Road. Ms. Jampole of Trans Associates presented speed and volume data that had been collected and stated that Longridge does not meet the criteria for further Traffic Calming. Ms. Fraasch requested additional police presence and enforcement especially before and after school. No further action was taken on this matter

Agenda Item 5 – Request for speed humps on Coolidge and mirror on at intersection of Coolidge Avenue and Bower Hill Road

Lisa Tristano-Martin, Coolidge Avenue stated that the house on the corner of Coolidge and Bower Hill Road has shrubs that make it difficult to see vehicles when exiting Coolidge onto Bower Hill. She had requested a mirror be installed but understands mirrors are not recommended. Ms. Jampole stated that mirrors are not recommended for any application due to liability reasons. Mirrors can break or be moved causing them to not function as intended. She stated that the Municipality does have the right to have shrubbery cut back or removed if they are in the right of way. Ms. Brown requested that sight distances be looked at at this intersection. Mr. Adams stated that all the intersections in this stretch of Bower Hill are bad and they should all be looked at. Board members suggested waiting until spring when shrubs and trees in bloom would be better. Ms. Tristano-Martin stated she was also very concerned about the traffic volumes and speeding on Coolidge. Ms. Jampole stated that the data collected in 2010 was still valid and did not meet the criteria for traffic calming. Mr. Raymond Tristano of 411 Coolidge Avenue stated that he has conducted counts on his own and has counted as many as 180 vehicles between 4:00 and 7:00 pm. Ms. Fraasch asked if they saw an increase once the speed humps were installed on Mapleton. Ms. Tristano-Martin stated there was an increase for a few months afterward. Ms. Brown stated that there has been a lot of construction and other projects along Bower Hill Road which has contributed to the increase in traffic on the side streets. Ms. Brown suggested looking at the intersections on Bower Hill between Washington Road and Cochran Road in the spring and collect volume and speed data again on Coolidge Avenue once all of the projects are completed. Ms. Jampole will do a field view and measure sight distance at the intersection of Coolidge Avenue and Bower Hill and report her findings at the December meeting.

Agenda Item 6 – Items from the Floor

Mr. Byrne asked if residents who live on private roads can set the speed limit on that road. Lt. McMurtire stated they can but are not enforceable. Mr. Byrne also asked if the lighted speed limit signs on Washington Road could reflect the school zone speed limit during the school hours. Lt. McMurtire stated that this was looked into it and it is not possible due to software/programming issues. Ms. Jampole stated they are PennDot signs.

Ms. Jampole stated that Mr. Magalotti has a power point presentation on all traffic calming devices, he would like to share with the Traffic Board at the January meeting. All board members agreed. Ms. Fraasch asked if notice of the presentation be sent to all Commissioners also.

There were no further items. Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for December 5, 2012

cc: All attendees
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