

# MT. LEBANON TRAFFIC BOARD

Meeting Date: March 6, 2013

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

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

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Mr. Petulla opened the meeting. Roll call was taken, Ms. West was absent.

## Agenda Item 1 – Administrative Discussion

There were no Administrative items for discussion.

## Agenda Item 2 - Minutes of January 2, 2013 Traffic Board Meeting

Motion was made to approve the minutes of the January 2, 2013 meeting. Motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

## Agenda Item 3 - Opening Remarks from the Chair

No additional comments.

## Agenda Item 4: Follow up Items:

- *Request for Traffic Calming on Arden Road*

Ms. Jampole of Trans Associates stated that a further study of a pattern of accidents on Arden Road was done. She stated that a majority of the accidents were caused by operator error and there was no common pattern of causation. Ms. Jampole also presented a collision diagram of all crashes on Arden Road between Beverly and Cochran Roads. The Police Department also provided detailed crash reports of accidents between January 2008 and December 2012. This information did not reveal any remediable patterns of accidents. Arden Road was evaluated per the new Traffic Management Program criteria and scored a one (1).

Ms. Jampole also provided information on crashes on Morrison, Parker and Colonial between Overlook and N. Meadowcroft. Arden Road had 13 accidents, Morrison 9, Parker 12, and Colonial 3. Mr. Petula asked if there was some type of delineation or other low cost measures that could be taken such as striping. Mr. Don Zuch of 295 Arden Road stated that there was a high concentration of accidents mid-block between N. Meadowcroft and Overlook, not at the intersections. He is also concerned that a lot of near misses are not shown in the Trans Associates report. Board members requested that Ms. Jampole look into low cost safety measures that could be used on Arden Road between N. Meadowcroft Ave. and Overlook. Board members also agreed that it would be best to look at the whole area since petitions were also received from Newburn, Morrison and N. Meadowcroft.

## Agenda Item 5: Traffic Calming Requests

New petitions were received from Newburn Drive, Morrison Drive, N. Meadowcroft Ave, Country Club Drive, Summit Drive and Academy Avenue. Ms. Jampole stated that the new Traffic Management Program stated that signatures from 20 households and some of the petitions submitted had 20 signatures but not from separate households. Board members agreed to extend the deadline until the end of March in order for the needed signatures to be collected.

- *Newburn Drive*  
Mr. Patrick Shea, 367 Newburn Drive was present to represent Newburn residents. Ms. Jampole stated that the data that was collected was still valid and Newburn scored a twelve (12). Mr. Shea stated that signatures were collected from residents in the 200 and 300 blocks of Newburn.

Mr. Shea was advised that he did not have the required signatures from 20 households and he stated that he would collect the additional needed.

- *Country Club Drive*  
Ms. Shannon Weber, 838 Country Club Drive stated that there have been numerous accidents on the bend on Country Club Drive. She stated that Country Club is used as a cut through from Washington Road to McNeilly Road and Rt. 88 and speed and volume is a problem. There is only 1 speed limit sign in the 700 block of Country Club. She stated that a study was done in the past in the 700 block but did not continue into the 800 block. Mr. Greg Scheimer, 836 Country Club Drive stated that he has witnessed 6 accidents on Country Club. He stated it is a sloped curve and the accidents were all due to speed. He also said that there is water run off along the curve and in the winter it freezes making the roadway hazardous. He felt that the drainage was something that need to be dealt with. Mr. Bendel stated that there is currently a list of storm sewer projects and recommended that they check to see that Country Club is on the list.
- *N. Meadowcroft Avenue*  
Representative from N. Meadowcroft was not able to attend. They will attend the April meeting.
- *Summit Drive*  
Ms. Jeannine Valdiserri, 450 Summit Drive requested additional enforcement along Summit Drive. She stated that Summit is also a cut through from Washington Road to McNeilly and Rt. 88 and with the volume of the traffic and speeds it is difficult to back out of her driveway. She requested the speed limit be lowered to 15 MPH. Board members advised her that 15 MPH was not enforceable. Ms. Valdiserri stated that they do not want speed humps just additional enforcement. She stated that 234 Summit Drive would be a good spot to collect speed and volume data. Ms. Valdiserri submitted a petition with the required signatures.
- *Academy Avenue*  
Commissioner Fraasch was in attendance to represent residents of Academy Avenue. She stated that residents of Academy Avenue were concerned with speed and volume due to cut through traffic on Academy Avenue. Their main concerns are the crest at Old Orchard, the crest at the 100 block of Academy Avenue and the speed and volume during the evenings from 10:00pm and 2:00am. Ms. Fraasch submitted a petition with the required signatures.
- *Morrison Drive*  
Representative from Morrison Drive was not able to attend. They will attend the April meeting.

Commissioner Bendel suggested that Trans Associates begin collecting data on Country Club, Summit and Academy Avenue. A motion was made to perform speed and volume studies and collect crash data for the petitions that have been submitted. Motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Mr. Shea, 367 Newburn Drive asked about a time line. Mr. Petulla stated that once all the data is collected and streets have been scored and ranked a study area will be determined. Ms. Brown stated that once the streets are ranked a determination will be made as to what other streets in the area need to be looked at. It also depends on the response from residents of neighboring streets and areas.

Agenda Item 6: – PennDot representative, Todd Kravitz, Discussion on Road Diets

Mr. Kravitz was unable to attend. Item tabled until April.

Agenda Item 7: – Request for Traffic Control at Gilkeson Road and Old Gilkeson Road

This item was tabled until April.

Agenda Item 8: – Request to discuss parking restrictions on Mabrick Avenue

No one was present to address this issue.

Agenda Item 9: - Request for Yield or Stop Sign on Bethany at intersection with Sommerville

This item was tabled until April.

Agenda Item 10: - Request for Left Turn Signal on Bower Hill Road at Carleton Drive

Ms. Susan Shaw, 181 Elatan Drive stated that it is extremely hazardous to make a lefthand turn on green at the intersections of Bower Hill Road and Carleton and Bower Hill Road and Kelso. She requested that a turning arrow be installed on the light at Bower Hill and Carleton and Bower Hill and Kelso.

Ms. Jampole stated that she would have to collect counts of turning movements and determine if the signal can be reprogrammed. A motion was made requesting Ms. Jampole collect turn and volume counts at the intersections of Bower Hill Road and Carleton and Bower Hill Road and Kelso. Motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 11: - Request for No Parking signs on Atlanta Place near Summit Way

Max Goldman, 125 Atlanta Place stated that residents from the apartment buildings frequently park at the intersection of Atlanta Place and Summit Way making it difficult for other vehicles to get through. Mr. Goldman requested that No Parking Signs be installed at the intersection. Mr. Byrne recommended Ms. Jampole look at the intersection to determine placement of the signage.

Agenda Item 12 – Items from the Floor

There were no additional items. Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for April 3, 2013

cc: All attendees  
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T. Kelley  
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