

# MT. LEBANON TRAFFIC BOARD

Meeting Date: November 6, 2013

Members Present: Ms. Brown, Mr. Gerhardt, Mr. Byrne, Mr. Fitzgerald, Mr. Cooley, Mr. Frenie

Staff Present: Lt. White, Mr. Magalotti, Ms. Kostelich

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Mr. Byrne opened the meeting. Roll call was taken, Mr. Adams was absent.

## Agenda Item 1 – Administrative Discussion

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

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

### Agenda Item 3 - Opening Remarks from the Chair

No additional comments.

### Agenda Item 4: Follow up Items:

- a. Request to Remove One Parking Space on Hilf Street Across From Driveway at 201 Pennsylvania Blvd.

Mr. Byrne stated that the board was still waiting on clarification from Commissioners on how to proceed with requests regarding private driveways. Mr. Byrne asked that a request be sent to Mr. Feller for confirmation from Commissioners that the board will not take action on items regarding private driveways.

- b. Request for Speed Study on Hoodridge Drive

Mr. Magalotti stated that Trans Associates placed ATRs on Hoodridge at each approach to Rockwood Avenue to collect speed and volume data. He stated that Hoodridge is considered a collector road and does not meet the criteria for traffic calming in this vicinity but may qualify on other areas of the roadway. He also stated that Trans Associates evaluated the intersection for sight distances and the possibility of installing an all way stop. The intersection did not meet the criteria for an all way stop. Crash data was also collected and in the last 5 years there have been 12 crashes, 5 of the crashes were reportable and only 1 happened at this intersection and 3 were in the vicinity but not at the intersection. Mr. Magalotti stated that according to the data collected the current stop control is sufficient. Mr. Magalotti stated that the intersection has a very wide radius and suggested that markings such as stop bars could be used at the intersection but he was sure that the municipality would allow that since it is a brick roadway. Mr. Magalotti stated that if the residence would like further studies done on other sections of the roadway he suggested they submit a petition for the Neighborhood Traffic Management program.

Mr. Patrick Boyle spoke regarding his concern for the children that walk to the two schools that are located in this area. He thanked the board for their consideration.

Ms. Christine Weaver, 295 Hoodridge spoke regarding an accident that occurred where a vehicle crashed into her house. She stated she was surprised by the findings regarding the sight distance.

Board members advised the residents that if they want a further study done they could submit a petition for the Traffic Management Program. No further action was taken.

c. Request for Sign stating On Coming Traffic Does Not Stop on Ruth Street at Linda Lane

Mr. Magalotti presented data collected at this intersection and there is no crash history at this intersection. He stated this is an unusual intersection with no stop control on the minor roadway, Linda Lane. Mr. Magalotti recommended a three way stop at this intersection due to the existing crosswalks and the close proximity to Jefferson School. Regarding the installation of a No Outlet sign on Linda Lane, Mr. Magalotti stated that a No Out sign may be placed at the entrance to a road or road network, therefore he recommended a No Outlet sign be placed on Linda Lane. A motion was made to recommend approval of the installation of a stop sign on Linda Lane at Ruth Street and the installation of a No Outlet sign on Linda Lane. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

New Items

2. Request for Watch Children Sign on Meridian Drive

Ms. Emily Cyphers, 446 Meridian Drive presented a petition with 26 signatures requesting the installation of Watch Children signs on their street. She stated they are concerned with the speed and safety for the children on the street. She stated there is one resident in particular who is very aggressive. Residents have called police regarding this driver numerous times. Ms. Cyphers also stated that speed data has been collected on Meridian. Mr. Byrne stated that studies have shown that the Watch Children signs are not effective because they provide a false sense of security. Mr. Byrne advised that the residents could submit a petition for traffic calming but did not think they would qualify based on the data that had been collected in the past. Lt. White stated they he would direct traffic officers to increase enforcement in this area and speak with residents regarding the aggressive driver. No further action was taken.

3. Request for Do Not Block Driveway sign on Greenhurst Drive near intersection of Bower Hill Road

Item was tabled until the December meeting.

4. Request for Handicap Parking Space at 224 Castle Shannon Blvd.

Ms. Deborah Benton, 224 Castle Shannon Blvd. requested a designated handicap parking space in front of 224 Castle Shannon Blvd. Ms. Benton stated she is disabled and frequently has disabled veterans visit her and they have difficulty finding a parking space close to her residence. Board members advised Ms. Benton that the time limits would still apply even with a handicap spot. Ms. Benton said she understood. A motion was made to recommend approval of a handicap parking spot in front of 224 Castle Shannon Blvd. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

5. Request for turning arrows on Washington Rd South-Bound at Main Entrance

Mr. Dick Stevens, 212 Connecting Road spoke regarding the left turn signal on Washington Road at Main Entrance Drive. He requested that a red arrow be added to the signal because it is very dangerous when drivers make the left turn on an extended green light. Board members requested additional crash data for this intersection and any recommendations from Trans Associates. Mr. Magalotti also suggested possibly eliminating the left turn onto Main Entrance. Mr. Stevens agreed, stating there are other ways into the neighborhood. Board members will follow up on this item at the December meeting.

6. Neighborhood Traffic Management

a. Request for Traffic Calming in Woodridge Plan

No one was present to discuss this request. No further action was taken.

b. Request for Traffic Calming on Sleepy Hollow Road between Sunset Drive and Country Club Drive

Mr. Joe Cramer, 172 Sleepy Hollow Road presented a petition for traffic calming on Sleepy Hollow Road between Sunset Drive and Country Club Drive, along with a letter from Commissioner Brumfield lending his support. Mr. Cramer stated that Sleepy Hollow is a cut through for traffic traveling between Washington Road and Route 88. Mr. Byre requested that Trans Associates collect speed and volume data to determine if the area between Sunset Drive and Country Club Drive on Sleepy Hollow Road would meet the criteria for traffic calming measures. Mr. Byrne also suggested the possibility of including this request with the Summit Drive and Country Club Drive traffic calming requests. Mr. Cooley agreed that there is a speed issue on Sleepy Hollow Road. Mr. Magalotti will present his findings at the December meeting.

c. Newburn Road Updates

Mr. Magalotti stated that both speed humps have been installed and the counters have also been installed. The work on Morrison has been completed but Scott Twp closed their section of Newburn Road for paving. He stated the counters have been left in place and felt there would not be an issue with collecting data before the speed humps would have to be removed due to weather. He stated that Mr. Shea was concerned about the location of the speed humps. If permanent speed humps are installed they do not have to be in the exact location.

Agenda Item 10 – Items from the Floor

There were no additional items. Meeting adjourned at.

Next meeting is scheduled for December 4, 2013

cc: All attendees  
S. Feller  
T. Kelley  
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