

MT. LEBANON TRAFFIC BOARD

Meeting Date: September 3, 2014

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

Staff Present: Lt. Fisher, Mr. Haberman, Ms. Kostelich

Mr. Adams opened the meeting. Roll call was taken. Mr. Setcavage was absent. Commissioner Linfante was also in attendance.

Agenda Item 1 – Administrative Discussion

Agenda Item 2 - Minutes of June 4, 2014 Traffic Board Meeting.

Motion was made to approve the minutes of the June 4, 2014 meeting. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 3 - Opening Remarks from the Chair

Agenda Item 4: Follow up Items:

- a. Mr. Haberman stated Commissioners approved the board's recommendation to relocate parking on Cedar Blvd. between Morgan Drive and Wildcat Field. DPW completed the work on August 1, 2014. No further action was taken.
- b. Mr. Haberman stated that based on the Board's recommendation to continue to evaluate parking on Academy Avenue, Commissioners requested that a nine month evaluation be done and that the Police Department and Municipal Traffic Engineer report their findings to the Traffic Board no later than March 2015. He stated that Gateway will work with the Police Department to reevaluate this area and report to the board.

Agenda Item 5: Request for Stop Signs at the Intersections of Altoona Place and Serpentine Drive and Altoona Place and Serrano Avenue

Lt. Fisher stated that a resident from Serpentine Dr. expressed concerns about limited sight distance and no controls at these intersections. Based on the sight distance issue, Lt. Fisher agreed that stop signs would be appropriate, one on Serrano and two on Serpentine at Altoona. Ms. Ann Sekely, 326 Altoona Place spoke in favor of the installation of these stop signs and requested 2, one at each approach to Altoona Place. Mr. Haberman stated that because these are uncontrolled intersections, stop signs are warranted on Altoona Place. He suggested that due to the limited sight distance, two stop signs on Serpentine at Altoona may be a better option. A motion was made to request Mr. Haberman, Gateway Engineer do a study of the sight distance at the intersection of Altoona Place and Serpentine Drive. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Mr. Haberman stated there would be no issue with immediately placing a stop sign at Serrano and Altoona. Commissioner Linfante requested that if a recommendation is made by the board, they submit their recommendations for both intersections at the same time. Board members agreed.

Agenda Item 6: Request for Crosswalk and Pedestrian Crossing Signal at the Intersection of Cedar Blvd. and Greenhurst Drive/ Morgan Drive

Mr. Rob Spikula, 216 VeeLyn Drive expressed concerns about the about the lack of modern pedestrian control signals and a marked crosswalk on the Main Park/Recreation Center side of the intersection. He stated he has had a few close calls at this intersection while jogging. Vehicles turning right from Morgan Drive don't look for pedestrians to the right. He stated he is concerned for students, his daughter included, that cross this intersection to get to the crossing guard at Salem Drive while walking to Jefferson Middle School. Board members requested

that Mr. Haberman conduct a study of this intersection and present any possible options at the October meeting. No further action was taken on this item.

Agenda Item 7: Ordinance Request for Pedestrians Obeying Traffic Control Signals

Lt. Fisher presented a request and discussed the need for an ordinance to allow enforcement of particular sections of the PA Vehicle Code and modifying unsafe pedestrian behavior. The Board acknowledged the importance of pedestrian behavior. A motion was made for Lt. Fisher to work with Mr. Haberman to research such an ordinance and report their findings and recommendations to the Board.

Agenda Item 8: Neighborhood Traffic Management

a. Longridge Avenue

Engineer Haberman reported on previous discussions. No one was presented to speak on the issue. Board members agreed that due to the results of the traffic study no further action would be taken.

b. Request for Traffic Calming on Sleepy Hollow / Brafferton / Old Farm Area

A request for speed humps on Sleepy Hollow Road was present to the board at the June 2014 meeting. Board members agreed that data collection should be done when school is in session, and requested that Mr. Haberman work with residents to identify locations where data should be collected. Lt. Fisher reported that he had met with representatives of Cochran Automotive in order to reduce unsafe driving between their facilities on West Liberty and on Sleepy Hollow in Castle Shannon. Lt. Fisher also indicated that patrols have been directed to use both marked and unmarked cars to increase enforcement in this area.

Mr. Dave Tucci, 257 Sleepy Hollow Road stated there have been numerous accidents on Sleepy Hollow Road and traffic has increased since the car dealership opened their facility on Sleepy Hollow. He requested speed humps on Sleepy Hollow Road.

Ms. Chrisine Tripoli, 570 Richland Road stated that vehicles don't stop at the stops signs on Sleepy Hollow. Ms. Tripoli suggested if speed humps were not found to be warranted, the turn from Sleepy Hollow to Richland Road should be squared off instead of curved to make vehicles slow down in the turn.

Mr. Jim Ohleger, 833 Lovington Drive stated that there has been an increase in traffic since the car dealer ship opened the facility on Sleep Hollow. He has seen vehicles without license plates and numerous vehicles going through stop signs.

Mr. Mark Kizer, 248 Sleepy Hollow Road stated there has been an increase in speeding on Sleepy Hollow and requested Speed Humps on Sleepy Hollow between Richland Road and Valley Park Drive.

Mr. Steve Larence, 228 Sleepy Hollow Road stated he is concerned with the speed on Sleepy Hollow. He has had four vehicles end up in his yard and is concerned for the safety of his children.

Mr. Rich Gasperini, 704 Brafferton Drive spoke in favor of speed humps on Sleepy Hollow and agreed with the others on the speeding issues.

Mr. Haberman advised that the grade of the roadway and spacing of driveways would be a factor in the placement of speed humps. A motion was made to request Mr. Haberman collect data on Sleepy Hollow Road between Richland Road and Valley Park Drive to present at the October meeting. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously. No further action.

c. N. Meadowcroft Avenue

Mr. Haberman, Gateway Engineers, stated that N. Meadowcroft is the next street on the list for the Neighbor Traffic Management program. He stated that since the initial study, numerous stop signs have been placed on N. Meadowcroft that may have reduced or eliminated the previously identified criteria for traffic calming. Mr. Haberman recommended another study be conducted utilizing the same counting positions as in the

past to measure for any effect on traffic. A motion was to made requesting Mr. Haberman conduct a study at the same counting positions as the previous study and report the findings to the board in October. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously. No residents were present to speak regarding the issue.

d. Request for Speed Study on Anawanda Avenue

Lt. Fisher stated that he has received requests for a speed study in this area. No one was present to speak on this matter. Board members requested that police gather speed data utilizing the speed sentry to determine if a more in depth study should be done.

Agenda Item 9: Items from the floor

Mr. Frenie stated he had a request for stop signs in three locations. The request for stop signs on Valleyview at Couch Farm, Couch Farm at Elm Spring and Larchmont at Osage will be placed on the agenda for October.

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

Next meeting is scheduled for October 1, 2014

cc: All attendees
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