

MT. LEBANON TRAFFIC BOARD

Meeting Date: April 1, 2015

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

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

Ms. Brown opened the meeting.

Agenda Item 1 – Roll call was taken. Mr. Setcavage was absent.

Agenda Item 2 - Minutes of the March 4, 2015 Traffic Board Meeting.

Motion was made to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2015 meeting. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 3 - Opening Remarks from the Chair

Agenda Item 4 – Introduction of New Board Member, Matthew Clark

Ms. Brown introduced new board member Mr. Matthew Clark. Mr. Clark replaces Mr. Adams whose term ended.

Agenda Item 5 – Election of New Board Chairperson

Mr. Cooley made a motion to elect Ms. Brown as Chairperson of the Traffic Board. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Follow Up Items:

6. Review of Academy Avenue Data

Mr. Haberman presented an update on the parking restrictions on Academy Avenue, as requested by Commission. He stated that he has reviewed the crash data since the implementation of the parking restrictions. The data was collected between November 1, 2013 and February 28, 2015. Only 3 crashes occurred during this time period, and was an improvement from the previous time period. Due to the improvement Mr. Haberman stated that he recommends that the parking recommendations be made permanent. No further action was taken on this matter.

7. Updates on Installation of Roadway Lighting at Mid-Block Crosswalk on Washington Road

Mr. Haberman stated that the installation of the roadway lights at the mid-block crosswalk on Washington Road was complete and is fully operational. Board members suggested that a letter be sent to parents at Washington Elementary and Mellon Middle School on the use of the new crosswalk system. They also suggested an article in the Mt. Lebanon magazine would be helpful in educating residents on the use. No further action was taken.

Agenda Item 8: - Request to Change Timing Sequence of Left Turn Arrow on Washington Road at Bower Hill Road

Mr. Haberman stated he reviewed the permit plan and spoke with representatives from PennDOT regarding why the timing sequence change was made to this light. He was informed that the timing and phasing changes were made as part of the corridor study that was recently completed along Washington Road. Mr. Haberman stated that changing the timing would not help the problem because once the arrow changed vehicles waiting to make the left turn would still hold up traffic in the left lane. Lt. Fisher stated that the problem is mainly on Sundays when church is in session and when there are funerals at the church. Board members suggested speaking with the church to request they use the side driveway when they have a funeral or special services during the week. No further action was taken.

Agenda Item 9 – Request for Signage in 1300 Block of Washington Road

Mr. Joseph Moses, 1397 Washington Road requested upgraded signage in the 1300 block of Washington Road advising drivers of vehicles entering and exiting Speakman Alley. Lt. Fisher stated that Speakman Alley is a private road and is not maintained by the Municipality. He stated that they will, as a courtesy do snow removal. Board members requested that Lt. Fisher check with Commissioners and Municipal Manager Feller to see if any recommendations for signage can be made due to this being a private road. Board members also requested Mr. Haberman check the guidelines for placement of signs based on speed and volume. Additional information will be presented at the May meeting. No further action was taken.

Agenda Item 10 – Neighborhood Traffic Management

Mr. Haberman advised that data collection for N. Meadowcroft and Sleepy Hollow will begin in the 2 weeks. He stated that Neighborhood meetings will be held in May, the dates of the meetings will be determined at the regular May Traffic Board meeting. No further action was taken.

Agenda Item 11 – Board Discussion /Feedback on Improvements to Bicycle / Vehicle / Pedestrian Safety

Lt. Fisher stated that Commissioners will be holding a Saturday workshop in the near future and requested feedback on improvements to bicycle, vehicle and pedestrian safety from the board. Commissioners also requested that a board member attend the workshop. Mr. Clark suggested inviting bike clubs and joggers to speak. Mr. Fitzgerald suggested more bike racks in the business districts and a bike to work day. Mr. Cooley suggested police present more pedestrian safety sessions at the schools. Mr. Brown suggested discussions about GoZones at PTA meetings, get feed-back from parents. Lt. Fisher requested that any additional ideas or thoughts the board members had be emailed to him. No further action was taken on this matter.

Agenda Item 12 - Items from the Floor

Lt. Fisher stated that there are parking issues at the Public Safety Building. During construction of the hotel construction workers were permitted to park on Shady Drive East at the curve by the entrance to the parking lot and there were no issues or concerns. He is requesting that 3 parking spaces be designated as Public Safety Building permit parking only. This request will be placed on the May agenda.

There were no additional items. Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for May 6, 2015

cc: All attendees
S. Feller
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