

MT. LEBANON TRAFFIC BOARD

Meeting Date: April 6, 2016

Members Present: Mr. Clark, Mr. Neft, Mr. Setcavage, Ms. Brown, Mr. Cooley, Mr. Fitzgerald,

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

Ms. Brown opened the meeting.

Agenda Item 1: Roll Call. Mr. Frenie was absent

Agenda Item 2: Meeting Notes from March 2, 2016

Motion was made to approve the minutes. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 3: Opening Remarks from the Chair

Follow up Items:

Agenda Item 4: Request for Appropriate Signage Prohibiting Brake Retarders on Gilkeson Road

Mr. Haberman stated that he reviewed Gilkeson Road between Washington Road and Cedar Boulevard to determine if any of the five conditions were met to warrant signage prohibiting brake retarders. Based on the findings none of the conditions were met including the downhill grade. No further action was taken.

Agenda Item 5: Request for Upgrade to Mid-Block Crosswalk at Gilkeson/Old Gilkeson

Mr. Haberman stated that he has requested information and direction from PennDOT on how to move forward on this crosswalk. As of this date he has not received the requested information and requested the board provide their position on this matter. Board members agreed that the crosswalk should be reinstalled due to the Port Authority Bus Stop at this location and the fact that the sidewalk ends at the crosswalk. Board members requested that Mr. Haberman continue to coordinate with PennDOT. This item will be placed on the May agenda for follow up. No further action.

Agenda Item 6: Request for Stop Sign on Summit Drive at Country Club Drive

Mr. Haberman stated that a review of this intersection was conducted. It was determined that the sight distance looking left on Summit Drive does not meet the minimum criteria for the speed limit. Based on the review Mr. Haberman recommended a stop sign on Country Club Drive at Summit Drive with a Traffic from Right Does Not Stop. Lt. Rayburg suggested also installing an Except Right Turns. A motion was made to install a Stop Sign, Except Right Turns and a Traffic from Right does Not Stop on Country Club Drive at Summit Drive. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 7: Discussion on Overnight Parking Restrictions / Ordinance

This item was tabled to allow board members time to further review the updated draft.

New Items:

Agenda Item 8: Request to Reprogram Button/Timing on Mid-Block Crosswalk Signal on Washington Road

Mr. Haberman stated that the current push button activation at this crosswalk is for 27 seconds which is the maximum time that can be programmed into the controller. Based on his review it was determined that the controller is not capable of being reprogrammed. The only way to reactivate the lights is to push the button after the cycle is completed. Mr. Haberman also stated that the lights are only a warning device and vehicles are not required to stop. State law still applies as it relates to motorists yielding to pedestrians already in crosswalk. It is the pedestrian's responsibility to wait until the road is clear before crossing. No further action was taken.

Agenda Item 9: Request to Program All Pedestrian Signals to Activate with Light Change

Agenda Item 10: Request to Extend Time Allowance on Crosswalk Signals

Agenda Item 9 was addressed along with Agenda Item 10. Mr. Haberman stated that he discussed the pedestrian timings and features for the intersections along the Washington Road corridor with a PennDot representative. In order to get a walk signal to cross Washington Road the button must be activated. This is due to the width of the roadway. If the pedestrian signals were automatically activated it would cause an unnecessary delay for vehicle traffic if there are no pedestrians crossing. Mr. Haberman stated that the timings and intervals have been developed by PennDot and meet all of the current standards and are more advanced than similar corridors in the area.

Mr. Clark stated that he would like the pedestrian signals to have the maximize the walk time and the minimize the warning/flashing time. He also asked that the once the light is red and the pedestrian crossing button is pushed that the pedestrian crossing be activated.

Mr. David Huston, 505 Sleepy Hollow Road spoke against the new Pedestrian Ordinance, stating that it does not support State Law.

Ms. Joanne Miller, 1478 Spreading Oak Drive, stated she works at 650 Washington Road. She was struck by a vehicle making the right hand turn from Cedar Blvd. She requested an exclusive pedestrian phase on this light to allow enough time to cross prior to vehicles make the right hand turn from Cedar Blvd.

Mr. Tom Fry, 806 Linda Lane suggested a study of the intersection to determine if the exclusive pedestrian phase is appropriate and also questioned if the ordinance is over stepping the State law.

Ms. Brown advised questions regarding the ordinance should be directed to the Commission.

Board members requested Mr. Haberman gather additional information regarding the timing sequences of the pedestrian signals on Washington Road and pedestrian and traffic volume at the intersection of Cedar Blvd. and Washington Road.

Mr. Haberman stated that he could review the signal timing plan along this corridor to determine if minor adjustments are feasible. Any recommendations for changes would have to be reviewed and approved by PennDOT. Board members requested that Mr. Haberman gather further information on the the timing plan along the Washington Road corridor. Item will be placed on May agenda for follow up.

Agenda Item 11: Request for Stop Sign on S. Meadowcroft Avenue at Florence Place

Mr. Dan George, 475 S. Meadowcroft Avenue requested stop signs on S. Meadowcroft at Florence Place due to high volume of cut through traffic and vehicles picking up speed coming down S. Meadowcroft approaching Florence Place. Board members requested Mr. Haberman review this intersection. Item will be placed on May agenda.

Agenda Item 12: Request for removal of "Right Turn Only Sign" Out of the Jefferson Elementary Parking Lot

Ms. Nicole Fry, 815 Linda Lane stated that the Right Turn Only Sign on Ruth Street has created an increase in traffic volume and parking on Linda Lane. She stated that residence of Linda Lane were not advised that the board was going to make a decision on this when Ms. Shaw brought the request to the board.

Mr. Tom Fry, 815 Linda Lane stated that Ms. Shaw was the only person to comment on this item at the October 2014 meeting. He felt the board handled this item in a haphazard way and it was reprehensible and illegal. He stated this action has caused vehicles to use driveways on Linda Lane as a turn around and there is now a parking problem. He suggested using the same drop off as the middle school and conduct a traffic study.

Ms. Brown advised that this item was on the agenda in October and open to anyone to make comments or suggestions.

Mr. Donald Musilek stated his concern is the increase in parking and suggested No Parking signs on Linda Lane.

Ms. Karen Morris, 393 Maplewood Drive, spoke in favor of an in depth traffic study of the area.

Ms. Andrea Stein, 804 Linda Lane, spoke regarding the increase in parking on Linda Lane and in favor of removing the sign.

Ms. Cory Polera, 853 Foxland Drive, stated that there has been an increase in illegal turns and that people ignore the sign and make the right turn anyway. She suggested a traffic study of the area

Ms. Stephanie Albert, 734 Pinoak Road agreed there is an issue and there is also a good neighbor issue. She stated the traffic flow is improved with the signs and. She suggested a traffic study be done especially regarding the parking during events at the schools.

Ms. Jean Thomas, 737 Pinoak Road, spoke against the sign and in favor of a traffic study. She stated parking increases on Linda Lane during pick up times. She suggested moving the pick up and drop off back to Moffett Street.

Ms. Sarah Shaw, Principal Jefferson Elementary, stated she brought this request to the board after requests and concerns from parents for student safety. Parents were dropping kids off on Ruth Street and crossing the road due to the back up of vehicles in the drop off zone. She agreed parking is an issue during events at the school because there is no where to park. She stated that the school sends out email blasts on a regular basis to encourage parents to walk children to school.

Dale Reese, 931 Ruth St., agreed that the sign should be removed. He stated he had a total disrespect for parents who do not encourage their children to walk to school.

Darren Seltzer, 833 Foxland Drive, stated he walks his kids to school and there is an increase in vehicles turning down Linda Lane to turn around. He is concerned due to kids having to cross the street where the sidewalk ends on Linda Lane.

Board members agreed that there are two issues in this area, the lack of parking and the traffic volume and illegal turns on Linda Lane. Board members also agreed that a comprehensive study should be looked into. Lt. Rayburg will detail traffic officers on Linda Lane to review parking and vehicle traffic during drop off and pick up times and also collect speed and volume data. Board members also requested information on the history of the Go-Zone for Jefferson Schools to review.

Agenda Item 13: Request to Address Safety Issues on Cochran Road During School Drop Off Times

Ms. Lisa Silverman, 1430 Pueblo Drive, requested that a No-U Turn sign be installed on Miami Avenue at the intersection with Cochran Road. She stated that during school drop off times drivers make the U turn after dropping students off in front of the High School making it dangerous for pedestrians. She also requested improvements to the crosswalks on Cochran Road. Lt. Rayburg suggested the No U Turn sign on Miami, and stated that he spoke with PennDot and the crosswalks will be re-installed during the repaving project to include flashing warning signs. A motion was made to install a No U Turn sign on Miami Avenue at the intersection with Cochran Road. Motion was seconded.

Agenda Item 14: Items from the Floor

There were no additional items. Meeting adjourned at 10:00pm

cc. All Attendees

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