

## Citizens Traffic Commission Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 8, 2025 • 6:30 PM • Municipal Center Rooms 220/221

### 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 PM.

### 2. Roll Call

*MEMBERS AND STAFF PRESENT:* Bill Everett, Jeff McCard, Rowland Myers, Assistant Township Manager Nick Valla, Public Works Director Eric Gartenmayer, Police Chief Joseph Bartorilla, Captain Peter Feeney, Sergeant Mark McLeod, Parks & Recreation Director Paul Kopera, Matt Johnston (Pennoni), Taylor Wrazen (Pennoni).

*MEMBERS AND STAFF ABSENT:* James Flynn, Chris Haughey.

### 3. Approval of Minutes

Members approve minutes of January 14, 2025, meeting by consensus.

### 4. Public Comment (Non-Agenda Items Only)

Crystal Green, Sturbridge, expressed concern about speeding on Alberts Way between Danby Way and Bernick Drive in the Sturbridge development. Mr. Valla shared that the Commission reviewed this concern in January and that the Commission felt the road was not long enough to produce a study result that would warrant traffic calming. Ms. Green requested the Commission reconsider performing a study.

Michael & Heather Whalen, 318 Alberts Way, agreed with Ms. Green, adding they often see near misses. Captain Feeney reported that the Police Department has no records of a traffic accident in this area since 2015, but stated the Police Department can conduct a study anyway.

### 5. Old Business

#### a. Tulip Tree Road/Twin Oak Drive – Stop Sign Request

Captain Feeney reported that there were no accidents in the vicinity of this intersection. Mr. Valla reminded the Commission that adding a stop sign at this intersection would be precedential, adding that there are dozens of similar intersections throughout Levittown that have similar conditions. No further action was recommended.

#### b. Brownsville Road Bridge Replacement and Detour Plan

Mr. Valla reported that PennDOT's contractor began work last week to replace the bridge carrying Brownsville Road over the Neshaminy Creek. The official detour route directs drivers from Brownsville Road to Old Lincoln Highway, then to Maple Avenue (SR 213) into Lower Southampton Township. PennDOT is required to use its own roads for official detours.

Mr. Valla added that last week, he and Mr. Gartenmayer were in the area and noticed more than a dozen signs on the side streets near the construction site directing drivers through the neighborhood onto Periwinkle Avenue. The Township requested to have these extra detour signs removed, leaving only signs related to PennDOT's official detour. PennDOT agreed to this request and will be removing the signs in the coming days. He also noted that the Township was not made aware that the intersection of Brownsville Road and Periwinkle Avenue would be closed as part of construction.

Erin Finney, Hollywood Avenue, came to express concern about these extra detour signs, and thanked Mr. Valla for the update. Ms. Finney noted there has been a noticeable increase in traffic in the neighborhood since construction began, especially school bus traffic. She was optimistic that removing the extra detour signs would improve the situation.

Mr. Valla shared that temporary traffic calming measures can be explored if the Commission felt it was necessary. The Commission agreed to continue monitoring the situation.

## **6. New Business**

### **a. SR-413 North of Bridgetown Pike – Speed Limit Reduction Request**

Mr. Valla stated he received a complaint by way of Representative Hogan's office about reducing the speed limit on SR-413 north of Bridgetown Pike. He shared that since this is a state road, PennDOT must ultimately act, but that the Township first has to decide whether or not PennDOT should study the area. Sergeant McLeod noted that traffic volume in this area is often high enough to make reaching high speeds difficult.

Captain Feeney agreed to review accident history in this area for further review in July.

### **b. Duxbury Drive near Firefighters Park – Park Access Concern**

Mr. Valla shared that there is a driveway into a parking area adjacent to the pickleball courts at Firefighters Park that is accessible from Duxbury Drive. He added that the neighbors near this driveway have expressed concern about the flow of traffic in and out of this driveway, as well as concerns about erratic driving by presumed pickleball players.

Mr. Kopera added that the neighbors have shared three possible resolutions: (1) adding a "no left turn" when exiting the park, (2) adding a stop sign with "except right turns" heading southbound on Duxbury Drive from Poplar Street, or (3) adding speed humps to Poplar Street. He added that recent two cars hit the small median on Duxbury Drive near the Poplar Street intersection and damaged their vehicles.

Captain Feeney noted that because cars making any turns are to yield to through traffic on Duxbury Drive, there is not a need for any stop signs on Duxbury Drive. Additionally, he noted that traffic entering or exiting the park is allowed to use Duxbury Drive. Finally, he pointed out that speed humps on Poplar Street are not relevant to this issue.

Erin Finney, Hollywood Avenue, stated she frequents the park and thinks the neighbors complaining are being unreasonable.

Matt Johnston, Pennoni, noted that the median should have a sign at each end showing the proper direction of traffic as it relates to the median. The signs were there many years ago but have been missing for several years.

Public Works will add the necessary signage to the median. No further action was recommended.

## **7. Other Business**

### **a. Golf Club Drive**

Mr. Gartenmayer shared that he received a request from the Windybush Homeowners Association to add pavement markings to create on-street parking stalls. He added that they are also still reporting drivers traveling in the wrong direction in the one-way street neighborhood.

Chief Bartorilla noted that there are no pavement markings for parking on any residential streets in the Township, and it would not be appropriate here. Captain Feeney added that the likely offenders traveling in the wrong direction are the neighbors who live close to that intersection and are attempting to avoid driving the entire loop.

No further action was recommended.

## **8. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for July 8, 2025.