

Citizens Traffic Commission Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 14, 2025 • 6:30 PM • Municipal Center Rooms 220/221

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 PM.

2. Roll Call

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chris Haughey, Jeff McCard, Rowland Myers, Bill Everett.

STAFF & CONSULTANTS PRESENT: Assistant Township Manager Nick Valla, Public Works Director Eric Gartenmayer, Captain Peter Feeney, Sergeant Mark McLeod, Matt Johnston (Pennonni), Taylor Wrazen (Pennonni).

MEMBERS ABSENT: James Flynn.

3. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Everett moved to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2025, meeting, seconded by Mr. Myers. Motion carried 4-0-0.

4. Public Comment (Non-Agenda Items Only)

None.

5. Activity Since Previous Meeting

a. Poplar Street and Hulmeville Road – Stop Sign Request

Mr. Gartenmayer reported that the stop sign and stop by were moved closer to the intersection at the guidance of Pennoni, the Township Traffic Engineers.

6. Old Business

a. Langhorne Gardens (1st, 2nd, and 3rd Streets) – Traffic Calming Request

Sergeant McLeod shared that within the past two years, 1st Street and 4th Street both have had studies performed showing no speeding issues. Additionally, the Police Department has performed stop sign enforcement details along Middle Ave. in this neighborhood.

No further action was recommended.

b. Paxson Lane – Traffic Calming Request

Sergeant McLeod noted similarly to Langhorne Gardens, studies have been performed as recent as 2024 and did not show a speeding issue, but that stop sign enforcement is a routine issue in the area.

No further action was recommended.

7. New Business

a. Big Oak Road – Speed Limit Increase Request

Mr. Valla shared he received a complaint from an elderly woman expressing concern that other drivers get angry with her when she obeys the speed limit of 25 MPH on Big Oak Road. Mr. Valla noted that he researched the history of this and found that the speed limit used to be 35 MPH but was lowered in early 2012, noting this was before the road was properly paved like it is today.

Other Commission members noted that it seems restoring the 35 MPH speed limit would be appropriate. Additional discussion occurred about the bend in the road heading toward Township Line Road just past Aristaeus Brewing and whether modifications needed to be made to the speed limit on the turn or to signage if the speed limit were increased.

Mr. Everett moved for the Township Traffic Engineer to perform a speed study and investigate the feasibility of increasing the speed limit on Big Oak Road, including the aforementioned curve, seconded by Mr. McCard. Motion carried 4-0-0.

b. Maple Avenue near CVS – Speed Limit Reduction Request

Mr. Valla shared that he received a complaint about the speed limit on Maple Avenue near the CVS, close to the Neshaminy Creek. The complainant was concerned about vehicles traveling fast and potentially striking deer. He added that this is a PennDOT-owned road, and the Township would need to submit a request to PennDOT for further investigation if desired.

The Commission noted deer are present everywhere and that rationale alone does not justify further investigation.

No further action was recommended.

c. RRFB Request – Laurel Oaks Drive at Langhorne-Yardley Road.

Mr. Valla shared that he received two requests for rectangular rapid flashing beacon (RRFB) signalized crossing installations recently, one at the intersection of Laurel Oaks Drive and Langhorne-Yardley Road. Mr. Valla noted that there will soon be a total of three RRFBs along Langhorne-Yardley Road, two currently under construction.

Mr. Gartenmayer noted that there were challenges when the Walnut Way neighborhood and RRFB were being installed that resulted in no pedestrian connection being made between Laurel Oaks Drive and Walnut Way.

Mr. McCard, a Laurel Oaks resident, noted the curve in the road and need for additional connections on the park side to fully complete an RRFB installation, adding to the potential project cost.

Mr. Valla advised that the Commission consider developing a set of criteria by which they can review the merits of RRFB requests, noting one signal costs approximately \$250,000.

Discussion continued into the following agenda item.

d. RRFB Request – Village Road at Township Line Road

Mr. Valla noted a second request he received for an RRFB, this time across Township Line Road at Village Road, for residents seeking to connect to Lower Makefield Township's nearby trail network.

Matt Johnston, Pennoni, noted that Township Line Road has a width of five lanes in this area, making it less feasible for a mid-block crossing. He noted it would be safer to add sidewalks down Township Line Road toward Langhorne-Yardley Road to connect at the intersection.

Mr. Haughey asked if Mr. Valla could research examples of other RRFB request policies from other municipalities for comparison and development purposes.

Mr. McCard moved to table discussion of both RRFB requests, seconded by Mr. Everett. Motion carried 4-0-0.

8. Other Business

a. Hollywood Avenue – Brownsville Road Bridge Construction

Mr. Valla shared he received an inquiry earlier today from a resident on Hollywood Avenue continuing to express concern over the impact of traffic due to the closure of Brownsville Road as the bridge over the Neshaminy Creek is being reconstructed. Mr. Valla noted that the Commission has discussed the impact of this project previously and has heard minimal complaints from the neighbors. He noted that staff will continue to monitor the project.

b. Veterans Highway (SR 413) at Lincoln Technical Institute

Mr. Haughey asked if the signal at the new Lincoln Technical Institute along Veterans Highway near Highland Park was modified, sharing that the left turn for northbound traffic cycles even in the absence of traffic, causing southbound delays.

Mr. Gartenmayer noted that the signal was damaged and repaired recently and will confirm that it is functioning properly.

9. Adjournment

Mr. Everett moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 PM, seconded by Mr. McCard. Motion carried 4-0-0. The next meeting is scheduled for January 13, 2026.