

Traffic Commission Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 26, 2021

8:30 a.m.

The Manor Township Traffic Commission met on Wednesday, May 26, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. in the Manor Township Municipal Building located at 950 West Fairway Drive, Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Chairman Mark Harris led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Members Present: Mark Harris, Brandon Clark and Chief Todd Graeff

Members Absent: None

Visitors Present: See Sign-In Sheet

Previous Month Minutes – Brandon Clark made a motion to approve the January 27, 2021 meeting minutes as they have been submitted. Chief Graeff seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Business from the Floor – None

Old Business – None

New Business

No Left Turn Signs – Temple Avenue – Chairman Harris received a letter from Wayne Pagan, 2521 Gamber Road, requesting a review of the signage on Temple Avenue. There are four signs on Temple Avenue that prohibit drivers from making a left turn onto Millersville Road. Mr. Pagan was recently ticketed by the Manor Township Police Department for making a left turn at this intersection. He has been in correspondence with Manor Township as well as PennDOT and does not understand why you can go straight at the intersection but not make a left turn. Mr. Pagan commented that you can make a left turn off Manor Ridge Drive and he feels the conditions there are similar to the Temple Avenue intersection. Mr. Pagan would like to have the No Left Turn signs removed from Temple Avenue.

Mr. Harris researched the intersection and found an Ordinance that created the signage. The Ordinance was approved by Manor Township Supervisors in 1986 and the signs were installed by the Public Works Department. This particular intersection was reviewed by the Traffic Officer in 2018. The Traffic Officer recommended adding one more No Left Turn sign bringing the total to four signs. When a formal study is completed, the Township must follow the recommendations. Mr. Clark supports the Traffic Officer's recommendations. Chief Graeff commented that the Manor Ridge intersection is approximately 300 yards farther away from Columbia Avenue and there is less traffic. Removing the No Left Turn

signs would create a safety issue. The Traffic Commission recognizes that traffic has increased since 1986 and there is a greater risk today. Chief Graeff commented that a lot less people go straight through the intersection as compared to those that would be making a left turn. Traffic studies did not recommend prohibiting vehicles from going straight.

Charlestown Road and Ironstone Ridge Road – Chairman Harris received an email from Amy Marberger, 2921 Charlestown Road, regarding the intersection at Charlestown Road and Ironstone Ridge Road. Ken Hess, 2907 Charlestown Road, shared his concerns about the intersection. He has witnessed several serious accidents and would like to know if the Township has plans to do anything about this. Natalie Orban, 2921 Charlestown Road, commented that she sees children crossing the street at the intersection and she is concerned about their safety. Amy Marberger added that it is not only the accidents that worry her, but also the near misses. Chris Long, 2907 Charlestown Road, stated that he has difficulty pulling out of his driveway. He recommended lowering the speed limit because a traffic light would be very expensive.

Mr. Harris measured the placement of the side right warning sign and reported that it is 200 ft from the intersection. The sign must be placed within 100 ft – 400 ft. He also used a traffic counter to determine that there are approximately 3500 trips at the intersection per day. The average speed on Charlestown Road is 36 mph. Chief Graeff reported that there are an average of two accidents per year at this intersection. He does not feel as though speeding is a problem in the area. The data is not supporting the perceptions. Chief Graeff plans to place the speed trailer or the speed sign close to the intersection in the near future to deter speeding.

Mr. Hess commented that it would have made sense to level out the bump in the road years ago to increase sight distance. Ms. Orban wanted to know if a sign could be placed at the top of the hill letting people know that there is stop sign ahead. The current sign is not very noticeable. The side right warning sign that is posted is the legal sign to make motorists aware of the intersection. The concerned residents wanted to know if the Township could install a blinking light, a slow down sign or rumble strips. Mr. Clark commented that he is not in favor of posting additional signs when there is already an appropriate sign near the intersection. Mr. Harris is open to relocating the warning sign. Instead of being placed 200 ft from the intersection, the sign could be placed 350ft away to create greater awareness. Mr. Clark supports the idea of relocating the sign. Chief Graeff explained that the Traffic Commission did research, collected data and corresponded via email regarding this issue. The data collected simply does not warrant the requests. Mr. Harris committed to relocating the right side warning sign and adding a reflective strip to the post to increase visibility. He will use the traffic counter in the Fall to gather additional data regarding speeding.

Speed Limit – Stone Mill Road – Chief Graeff received a letter from Barry and Donna Mentzer, 1989 Stone Mill Road, regarding the speed limit on Stone Mill Road. The residents were not present at the meeting to discuss their concerns and Chief Graeff responded to the request in writing.

With no further business to discuss, Chairman Harris entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chief Graeff so motioned, Brandon Clark seconded and the meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brandon Clark
Secretary

Recording Secretary
Michelle Smith