

## Traffic Commission Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 31, 2023

8:30 a.m.

The Manor Township Traffic Commission met on Wednesday, May 31, 2023 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 and introduced the members.

Members Present: Mark Harris, Chief Colin Cleary, Missy Phelan

Visitors Present: See Sign-In Sheet

**Previous Month Minutes** – Chairman Mark Harris entertained a motion to approve the April 26, 2023 meeting minutes as they have been submitted. Missy Phelan so motioned, Chief Cleary seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

### Business from the Floor

Toby Thomas, of 39 Penn Street, wanted to thank the Manor Township Police for being so diligent with addressing their concerns in regards to speed on Penn Street. Ms. Thomas believes people are using Rt. 999 as a highway, the speed limit is 35. Manor Township has installed the department's digital sign that shows speed, and the highest speed that she has witnessed is 67. Ms. Thomas believes that the problem is where the signs are located, they are becoming faded. The signs are hidden behind trees, and are not visible. Ms. Thomas gave a suggestion of a more permanent digital sign, so people are aware of how fast they are going.

Chairman Harris commented that Ms. Thomas is referring to the speed limit signs, has anyone contacted the Department of Transportation of the maintenance of the signs and the reflectivity of their signs.

Chairman Harris suggested that Ms. Thomas contact Penn Dot, in regards to the current signs, and the maintenance of the signs.

Chairman Harris sees two issues that Ms. Thomas has presented: maintenance of the traffic control devices that are already in place and the actual speed data that we are collecting right now.

Chief Cleary commented that the Police Department will try and find out the peak times of the speeding. Chief Cleary asked the community if they witness the same vehicle speeding over and over again they are encouraged to send it to the Police Department.

Chairman Harris stated that the data needs to be retrieved first so the Township gets an understanding of what is happening on this road. Chairman Harris is not going to commit to any sign until we have the data. Chairman Harris stated that he will email the Assistant Manager to Penn Dot on behalf of the residents about Rt. 999.

Mark Campbell, of 27 Herr Street, there aren't any speed limit signs or watch children signs on Herr Street, Third Street, Elizabeth Street, and Mill Street.

Chairman Harris stated that the Township would need to have a formal request to do a Speed Study for Speed Limit signs. If Mr. Campbell wants to send Chairman Harris an email with this request. Once the Township receives a written request a speed survey is conducted to collect data that is then given to the Manor Township Traffic Officer who will issue a formal recommendation the Traffic Commission if any action is justified.

Mr. Campbell asked the Chief what the acceptable speed is going through this area.

Chief stated that this is a difficult question to answer, is it considered Urban because there is a density of housing, or is it considered Rural? We run into the difficulty of what we can enforce in Pennsylvania with the lack of radar.

Ben Green, of 741 Mill Street, is concerned that the company beside him which is Lancaster Container and the one owner parks his truck that blocks the street. The company brings tractor trailers throughout the day and back into the loading dock with nobody watching for incoming traffic.

Jackie Fluff, one of the owners of Lancaster Container, we used too/try to have guys out their directing the trailers to back however on a couple of occasions where they have been almost hit by cars so many times. We can't put our employees' lives in danger because of speeding cars.

Steve Funk, of 65 Penn Street, is giving permission to the Police department if they wish to park in his driveway to help with catching speeding cars.

Dave Julian, of 47 Penn Street, wanted to thank the Police Department for the temporary speed limit sign. It is making a difference. How long will the data be collected and then assessed?

Chief stated that they like to capture about 30 days' worth of data before taking any action. The Police Department likes to capture a big chunk if there are any other patterns.

Kyle Dellinger, 14 Susque Place, stated that if he sees a sign monitoring speed I am slowing down but after passing the sign, drivers tend to speed up. Is the data collected before and after the sign?

Chief stated that the device can collect information without displaying the speed.

### **Old Business**

#### Speed Survey results on Spring Meadow Lane

Chairman Harris reported the recent results of a speed survey on Spring Meadow Lane. The average speed recorded is 23 mph, and the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile is 30 mph. Based on the data there is not a speeding problem. Chief Cleary commented that equates to approximately 1 in 20 vehicles is above the posted speed limit.

Jeff Peters, of 154 Spring Meadow Lane, of all the data collected how many situations could have been issued. Chairman Harris commented in the entire week 616 vehicles were counted and 17 of those were speeding.

Mr. Peters asked if I use the current technique that he has been using, persuasive passive control.

Mr. Peters asked in regards to parking on the street, what is the distance from the edge of the street to the property that the vehicle be legally be parked out from? Chief Cleary stated that is 10 inches.

**New Business**

Stone Mill Road speed limit

Chairman Harris stated that we received an email from Mr. Erikson about his thoughts on speed and considering splitting the speed limit to different levels on Stone Mill Road. Chief Cleary reviewed the last five years of traffic crash data, and there were no crashes directly related to speed.

Chief Cleary will contact Mr. Erikson and tell him no action will be taken.

**Old Business** - None to Report

**New Business** – None to Report

With no further business to discuss, Chairman Harris entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Missy Phelan motioned. Chief Colin Cleary seconded and the meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chief Colin Cleary  
Secretary

Recording Secretary  
Adrienne Kautz