

East Bradford Township Traffic Committee Meeting Minutes April 20, 2023

The April meeting of the East Bradford Township Traffic Committee (TC) was held on Thursday, April 20, 2023 at the East Bradford Township Building, 676 Copeland School Rd. West Chester PA. The agenda was posted on the front door of the township building and on the Township website at <https://www.eastbradford.org> as required by the Sunshine Law.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Charlie Myhre
Ed Nathan
Andrew DeFonzo
Ken Cavanaugh
Laura Pitt
Corporal Gerry DiNunzio, WCPD representative
Michele Porco, West Chester School District Representative

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

STAFF/PROFESSIONALS PRESENT:

Mandie Cantlin DPA, Township Manager
Mark Lucas, P.E., Township Engineer

STAFF/PROFESSIONALS ABSENT:

Randy Behmke, Director of Public Works

OTHERS PRESENT

Sarah Leinhauser (she, her), WCU Honors College

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 8:05 a.m. by Chair Nathan.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MINUTES: Motion made by Mr. Myhre to approve the minutes from the March 16, 2023 meeting. Second by Ms. Pitts. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Discussion of the proposed mid-block crosswalk at Starr Farm.
Dr. Cantlin indicated that the Board of Supervisors discussed the mid-block crosswalk concept for Skelp Level Road and were generally favorable to the installation of a mid-block crosswalk that would allow for the routing of trails that traversed the perimeters of the park on both sides of Skelp Level Road. However, they wanted to wait for the forthcoming recommendations from Mark Hood of PennDOT's Local Technical Assistance Program prior to making any final decisions.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion of presentation of Sarah Leinhauser with regards to rumble strips on S. New St near the University.

Ms. Leinhauser presented safety concerns related to the South Campus crosswalk across New Street that provides pedestrian connectivity from the Golden Ram Trail to Sturzebecker Hall and the sports stadium. Dr. Cantlin reviewed the history of this crosswalk, which ultimately concluded with plans for the University to install in-lane rumble strips prior to the crosswalk in both directions on New Street, along with a lighted signal and related signage. Those plans were presented to the Township approximately 15 years ago but were never constructed. Ms. Leinhauser is trying to resurrect those plans, or a portion thereof, with the University, as the concept is generally supported by the students and faculty. Thus far, the WCU planning department has not provided substantial feedback on the potential to restart the project.

Dr. Cantlin indicated that the East Bradford portion of New Street will be repaved by the Township this year, which will require the existing crosswalks to be reinstalled with thermoplastic, but no further improvements are planned by the Township. After a lengthy discussion regarding potential ways to vet and solve the issue, Mr. Myhre motioned to recommend that Township reinstall the existing crosswalk after the repaving of New Street, have the Township Manager contact the University planning department to obtain feedback on the potential to restart the previously proposed project, further study the details of previously proposed project via consultation with Mark Hood of PennDOT's LTAP program and investigate the effectiveness of providing additional sight distance at the trail location by removal of vegetation from the adjacent woodland. Ms. Pitt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Discussion of new driveway at 940 Hillsdale Road.

The proposed driveway connection to Hillsdale Road for the Rudloff Builders Subdivision (SD #656) was briefly discussed regarding location, configuration and available sight distances. Ms. Pitt made a motion that the Traffic Committee recommend that the proposed driveway comply with all applicable Township ordinances with no further comments. Mr. DeFonzo seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: Dr. Cantlin informed the Committee of the upcoming Boot Road and Skelp Level Road bridges over Amtrak replacement projects in East Caln Township and tentative construction schedules. The Committee expressed concerns over increased traffic on Skelp Level Road and Valley Creek Road.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting of the Traffic Committee is scheduled for May 18, 2023 at 8:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT / CONTINUANCE: Motion was made to close the meeting at 9:05 am by Mr. Myhre and second by Ms Porco. The motion passed unanimously.

Mark Lucas
Acting Secretary