

Minutes Township of Falls Neighborhood Traffic Advisory Committee May 11, 2026

Members in Attendance:

Wayne Bell
Ian James
Ariane Presser

Members Absent:

Robert Leary

Also in Attendance:

Josh Seeherman, Remington & Vernick Engineers (RVE)
Jennifer Metzger, Resident

The meeting started at 6:40 p.m.

The minutes from the April 13, 2026 meeting were approved with no changes.

The first item discussed was RVE's preliminary report on Thornridge Drive. The locations of four accidents were shown pinned on a map of this street, including one that landed a vehicle on Ms. Marino's front yard. Three of these accidents involved a DUI. There are several traffic calming methods recommended as seen in Exhibit 3 below. The first one "On-street Parking" may have a typo in the Added Measure section.

Exhibit 3 – Traffic Calming Measures

Traffic Calming Option	Added Measure	Cost	Further Investigation
On-street parking	Add no parking signs to reduce roadway width	\$	Determine if necessary
Pavement Markings	Add SLOW 25 MPH to both ends of the corridor so vehicles are more aware of the speed limit	\$	Determine if necessary, after temporary measures experiment
Vertical Speed Table – Plastic Speed Humps	Add a speed hump to force vehicles to slow down in the middle of the corridor to limit the speeding	\$\$	Determine placement, pavement markings, signing and verify drainage
Lidar/ Radar Speed Signs	Shows speed of vehicles passing it to entice them to slow down	\$\$	Determine placement, power source and signing if necessary
Vertical Speed Table – Asphalt Speed Humps	Add a speed hump to force vehicles to slow down in the middle of the corridor to limit the speeding	\$\$\$	Determine placement, pavement markings, signing and verify drainage

Curb Extension / Bulb-out	Add areas of expanded curbing that extend across a parking lane and will narrow the travel lane	\$\$\$	Determine placement, signing and verify drainage
Raised Intersection	Intersections, including crosswalks, raised 3 to 6 inches above street grade.	\$\$\$	Determine placement if necessary, signing and verify drainage

The measurements taken at Thornridge Drive and Teaberry Lane do not warrant a four-way stop, except for a sight distance issue. Ms. Marino wants a four-way at her intersection at Twin Leaf Lane. Mr. Seeherman said that would not have stopped the impaired driver from blowing the stop sign. We could apply to PennDOT for the four-way stop sign at Teaberry Lane, but PennDOT can say no to this and just tell us to have the foliage cut back.

Mr. Bell inquired about piano keys markings. PennDOT's big three items to make crossing safer are:

High visibility crosswalks (piano keys)

Appropriate lighting

Yellow signs – Pedestrian crossing with an arrow

Ms. Metzger said Ms. Marino has placed very large boulders on her front lawn. Is there a way she could get the township to install bollards? Mr. Seeherman said the township may be able to put a delineator sign there. They are very bright at night. The neighbors may not want these signs with posts. Ms. Metzger asked if the public has access to this engineer's report. They do not. Ms. Marino will probably get a copy of the report from the manager's office.

Sgt. Fanelli said when they do a speed study in this area, the report does not indicate a problem. The posted speed limit is 25 mph. If it was 15 mph, you have to enforce it. Sgt. Fanelli said inground reflectors in the middle of the street would be helpful. They are used a lot in Lower Makefield and are helpful because there are no streetlights in Lower Makefield. Mr. Seeherman said reflectors can only go in with a double yellow line. A double yellow can't go in if the street is too narrow. This street may be wide enough.

The engineer Eric said he would like to see temporary curb extensions/bump out at Thornridge Drive and Twin Leaf Lane and at Thornridge Drive and Tanglewood. The temporary solutions are striping and hollow tubes (like baseball bats), so they are not too expensive. This would make the street pretty narrow, and this could frustrate the residents, but it will slow them down.

RVE also thought vertical speed humps could be helpful. They recommend them between 438 and 439 Thornridge Drive and between 354 and 358 Thornridge Dr. This also makes residents angry and frustrated. White markers are required to remind you that you are approaching the hump.

In conclusion, based on the assessment of the corridor and engineering judgment, RVE suggests implementing these preliminary traffic calming measures:

1. An all-way stop control
2. Bump outs
3. Speed humps
4. Pavement markings

They should be monitored for effectiveness and community concerns.

A speed humps maximum height is 3". If they are temporary, they are not expensive.

Mr. James made a motion to request the traffic engineer explore the option of including the following suggestions into the preliminary report: Low-cost pavement markers including the option of snow plowable center raised reflective markers. It was seconded by Mr. Bell and all were in favor.

A motion was made by Ms. Presser to approve this preliminary report once it includes the addition of snow plowable center markers and pavement markings. Mr. James seconded the motion. All were in favor.

The next item discussed was the e-scooters, dirt bikes, and any micro mobility device. The Police department gets at least one complaint per day about these items. It is very hard to distinguish which item is which when they are in front of you. The kids take a Coleman frame with a 250cc motor that they zip tie a gas tank to, and it moves extremely fast. It's hard to tell the brake horsepower of these bikes. Motorized pedicycles need to be registered and have insurance and none of them do. They should be driving with automobile rules, but they zig zag through traffic and go the wrong way. The police cannot chase them either. They have asked the school district to partner with them for awareness. They put a social media campaign out. Sgt. Fanelli asked the committee for any creative ideas for signs we can have made to put in the housing areas to raise awareness. ATVs are not a big problem, it's these e-bikes.

There was no other business, so the meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.