

**Minutes
Township of Falls
Neighborhood Traffic Advisory Committee**

April 10, 2023

Members in Attendance:

Amy Gallagher
Ian James
Robert Leary
Ariane Presser

Members Absent:

Leon Thompson

Also in Attendance:

Lt. Henry Ward, Falls Township Police Department
Josh Seeherman, Remington & Vernick Engineers, Inc. (RVE Traffic Engineer)

Lt. Ward opened the meeting at 6:33 p.m.

The minutes from the January 9, 2023 meeting were approved with no changes.

Chief Whitney asked Mr. Leary what the best time of the day to conduct a traffic study at the high school would be. Mr. Leary will think about it and let the Chief know. It could be different depending on the day of the week. It's all been different since Covid. More parents are driving their children in the mornings than pre-Covid.

Chief Whitney said the next PennDOT Aggressive Driving Wave they will be participating in is March. But they are considering an impaired driver detail for the Superbowl and maybe St. Patrick's Day.

Mr. Leary asked if we have any STOP MEANS STOP signs left. Chief Whitney said they have ordered more. He will check with Jason Lawson, the Public Works Director, to see if they came in. Mr. Leary said Meetinghouse Square in Fallsington would be a perfect spot to put one.

Chief Whitney told the committee he did not get any traffic complaints from the public in the last month.

Ms. Gallagher inquired as to whether we have any quotes from FastSigns. Chief Whitney said we need to come up with an idea of what we want the sign to look like. He invited the Committee to give that some thought. Ms. Gallagher said she will try to come up with some ideas.

Mr. Leary asked who the crossing guards fall under as far as training, the township or the school district. Chief Whitney said we hire and supervise and train them and the school district shares the

cost. Mr. Leary said many of them use umbrellas and it's not appropriate because they cannot see cars using an umbrella. Mr. Kennedy said they also need both hands to gesture to traffic. Chief Whitney said we provide them very high visibility gear. The Chief will speak to Lt. Ward about this as he supervises them. He doesn't want to see anyone get hurt.

Mr. James asked the Chief if we heard anything else from the residents who came to the past meeting with stop sign concerns in the Thornridge section. Chief Whitney said he sent them some traffic studies that were done in terms of speed. He hasn't had any feedback from them. The Chief is considering imposing some temporary parking restrictions to try to increase visibility in that area. The speeds didn't indicate that a stop sign would be appropriate. The downside of the parking restrictions is for the residents who can't park in front of their homes anymore. They will be negatively impacted. It's a balancing act.

Chief Whitney mentioned to Mr. Kennedy that the township is interested in is a township-wide traffic calming study. We don't know what the price tag would be or how we would fund the study. Mr. Kennedy said there is a proposal in and the township has set aside money in the budget for this, but it's for development purposes. PA Act 209 provides for this as far as developing traffic impact fees. But developing these fees is a defined, rigid process that must be fair between townships. This may bring opportunities to share data with this committee. This may be starting soon.

Chief Whitney asked the committee to think about a catchy phrase for our signs. Newtown uses "SLOW DOWN FOR NEWTOWN".

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.