

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

August 11, 2025

Members in Attendance:

Ian James
Robert Leary
Ariane Presser

Members Absent:

Also in Attendance:

Mr. Derrick Kennedy, Remington & Vernick Engineers (RVE)
Sgt. Ray Fanelli, Falls Township Police Department
Mr. Kevin Golden, Bristol Pike Resident
Jennifer Metzger, Resident
Wayne Bell, Resident

Sgt. Fanelli opened the meeting at 6:38 p.m.

The minutes from the July 14, 2025 meeting were approved with no changes.

Ms. Metzger reported a resident told her vehicles coming from Pennsbury East do not stop at the stop sign at Hanford Road. Sgt. Fanelli could take a look at it. He asked Ms. Metzger to have the resident contact him.

Sgt. Fanelli received an email from ALL TRAFFIC SOLUTIONS, which is the company that we bought the last speed sign from, which is up on the 800 block of Austin Drive. The email told him of a grant and our grant writer said we can use this grant. He asked for a quote that we could submit for 5 or 6 speed signs, a new speed trailer (\$19,000) and a piece to the speed trailer that will allow for an automatic license plate reader. The grant is due by the end of September. The limit of the grant is \$1,000,000 total for everyone. He also asked for a couple of years of maintenance for the signs to be added in the quote. The maintenance fee is \$1,000 per year per machine. If we get these, one would be permanent outside the high school. Lincoln Highway is another choice location.

The purchase of speed humps was rejected by the Board of Supervisors at this time. We may readdress this issue at a later time.

The road crew did put the reflective bar on Thornridge Drive and some stop lines, but they did not put the word STOP, because there is no stop sign there. They also painted the piano key

crosswalk there. The big experiment will be if the Board of Supervisors authorizes the paint job on Austin and on Thornridge.

The crossing guard at Trenton Road at Oxford Valley Elementary may be quitting because it is so dangerous. Sgt. Fanelli asked one of the residents to cut back his landscaping to improve the view. The curb on Fairfax will be painted red or yellow, and NO PARKING will be painted on the curb. The resident was okay with us doing this.

Item #6 was then discussed – ALPR. This is the automatic license plate reader. Falls has a ½ of one where the Middletown “M” is. We share that one with Middletown Township. If we have our own, we can move it to where we want it.

After one year of asking, PennDOT put up 2 speed limit signs for Sgt. Fanelli on Philadelphia Avenue.

There was a complaint received about the intersection of Bernard and Stony Hill Road. A resident complained that there are a lot of accidents at this location. The question is do drivers have to move into the shoulder to make a right turn or turn right from the driving lane. PennDOT says you make the right hand turn as close to the right-hand side as you can, **excluding** the shoulder. So, you should stay in the driving lane to turn right. That becomes a problem if both ways of turning are being done. But statistically, there actually are not that many accidents at this location. So, Sgt. Fanelli told the resident the crash data doesn’t support doing anything.

On Philadelphia Avenue, there is a small strip of businesses between Lewis and Tyburn Road. The businesses are Junkyard Barbie, Hutchinson’s and a truck company that moved in. Hutchinson’s complained that the trucks are parking on the roadway. That is not allowed, but someone took the NO PARKING signs down. We will be putting up new signs. He has also verbally told the truck company about not parking trucks there.

Sgt. Fanelli worked a truck detail with Bristol Township. Bristol couldn’t believe the amount of errors these trucks have going on. There was a small uptick in truck accidents last month.

Paul Miller law enforcements are ongoing to raise awareness. Paul Miller was killed by a truck driver who was using his cellphone. The law says you cannot touch your cellphone. It’s just a warning for the first year.

We did have a fatal accident at Pine Grove Road and W. Trenton Avenue. We do need more enforcement at this intersection. We are going to gather information to see if we can do anything to make it safer.

Mr. Bell asked if the township has done an impact study for the high school. Sgt. Fanelli said the engineer for the school would be responsible for that. Mr. Bell can’t believe there will be no impact and thinks we are being misled. Mr. Bell also discussed the addition of a second stadium with additional 70’ lights. This second stadium was only supposed to be a spillover. This is

going to impact this committee after this traffic picks up. Mr. Bell requested that Sgt. Fanelli check on the status of the digital sign that has not been on for a long time. Ms. Metzger said they are supposed to discuss traffic at the September 4th meeting.

A letter has been sent to PennDOT to notify them the school flashing times will be changed since the high school hours are changing. The middle school hours are also changing, but there are no middle schools in Falls Township.

Ms. Presser inquired about the new school hours. Ms. Metzger replied that the new high school hours are 8:15 a.m. to 2:58 p.m. The middle schools are now 7:35 a.m. to 2:20 p.m.

There was no other business, so the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.