

Upper Makefield *Township*

Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting

January 31, 2024

The January 31, 2024 public meeting of the Upper Makefield Township Traffic Advisory Committee was called to order by Ms. Saini at 12:02p.m. In attendance were the following members of the Traffic Advisory Committee: Leena Saini, Sean Cottrell, Larry Dennedy and Robert Palmer. Also in attendance were Supervisor/Liaison Ben Weldon, Supervisor Tom Cino, Township Manager David Nyman and Assistant Township Manager Judy Caporiccio.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Saini at 12:02p.m.

II. Reorganization

Election of Chair

A motion was made by Ms. Saini and seconded by Mr. Palmer to nominate Ms. Saini to serve as Chair. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Ms. Saini presided over the meeting from this point.

Election of Vice Chair

A motion was made by Ms. Saini and seconded by Mr. Palmer to nominate Mr. Cottrell to serve as Vice Chair. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Election of Secretary

A motion was made by Ms. Saini and seconded by Mr. Palmer to nominate Mr. Dennedy to serve as Secretary. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

III. Approval of Minutes

The November 30, 2023 meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

IV. Update on DCNR Plans for PA 250

Mr. Nyman and Ms. Caporiccio will be meeting with the Park Manager on February 1 and will provide a status update on the DCNR Plan for PA 250 at the next meeting.

V. Update on Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission Plans for Bridge Area

Mr. Nyman has attempted to contact the DRJTBC several times to get an update on their plans for PA 250 but has not yet received a response.

VI. Review Lighting Recommendations for Quadrant III (River Road from Embarkation Road Lot to Intersection)

Committee members shared their experiences and recommendations regarding nighttime lighting for Quadrant III.

Mr. Nyman mentioned that the three residences adjacent to the Park are located on Embarkation Road, which is not a dedicated Township road.

The committee had a quick recap of the improvements closest to the bridge. Ms. Saini discussed the previous proposal that included eliminating the three parking spots near the bridge.

Mr. Cottrell spoke about the proposed crosswalk near the gate closest to the parking lot in addition to the existing.

Mr. Cottrell suggested the following related to the proposed improvements in Quadrant III:

- The existing crosswalk is in the longer part of the triangular area.
- The sidewalk that goes through the parking lot near the carnival area should be pedestrian activated.

Ms. Saini provided input related to traffic improvements in Quadrant III:

- The crosswalk should be located near the post office intersection.
- Lighting is needed along Embarcation Road.
- The proposed lighting should be consistent with the existing.

VII. Review Traffic Calming, Pedestrian Safety, Design Elements for Quadrant IV (Rt. 532 from 4-way Intersection to Taylorsville Road, including Taylorsville Road Businesses)

Each member provided input on strategies for traffic calming in Quadrant IV.

Ms. Saini provided input related to Quadrant IV:

- The sidewalk needs to be continuous from Taylorsville Road down to the park.

Mr. Cottrell suggested the following proposed improvements in Quadrant IV:

- Sidewalks from the park to Taylorsville Road should be uniform. They are currently a mix of concrete and crushed stone.
- The sidewalks need to stay away from the homes on Route 532. A primary concern should be to avoid disturbance to local residents.

Mr. Palmer recommended the following improvements:

- There should be a direct path from Colonial Farms to 532. Pedestrians currently go through the Colonial Farms parking lot and exit near the bank.
- More bicycle paths should be considered from Taylorsville Road down to the park.

Mr. Dennedy pointed out the following:

- The utility poles at the intersection of Route 532 and Taylorsville Road are close to the curb. It will be difficult to add a sidewalk or any pedestrian area.

VIII. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

IX. Next Meeting: April 4, 2024

X. Adjournment

A motion was made by Ms. Saini and seconded by Mr. Palmer to adjourn the meeting at 1:06p.m.

Larry Dennedy, Secretary
Approved: April 4, 2024