

# Upper Makefield *Township*

## **Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting**

March 29, 2023

The March 29, 2023, public meeting of the Upper Makefield Township Traffic Advisory Committee was called to order by Member Sean Cottrell at 12:00p.m. In attendance were the following members of the Traffic Advisory Committee: Sean Cottrell, Larry Dennedy, Robert Palmer, Leena Saini. Member Christopher Ryan participated via Zoom. Supervisor/Liaison Tom Cino, Township Manager David Nyman, Assistant Township Manager Judy Caporiccio and Supervisor Ben Weldon were also in attendance.

### **I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Cottrell at 12:00 p.m. Mr. Nyman then explained the process for reorganization and accepted nominations for Chair.

### **II. Organization of Board**

#### **Election of Chair**

A motion was made by Mr. Cottrell 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/Secretary**

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

#### **Election of Secretary**

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

### **III. Approval of the Minutes**

A motion was made by Mr. Cottrell and was seconded by Ms. Saini to approve the meeting minutes of October 26, 2022. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

### **IV. Discussion of Traffic Calming and Pedestrian Safety for Quadrant 1 – Washington Crossing Bridge to 4-way Intersection**

Each member provided input on strategies for traffic calming with an emphasis on pedestrian safety. The suggestions were a continuation of the last meeting session.

Ms. Saini proposed traffic calming measures that have the potential to regulate traffic.

- Adding cobblestone or brick road portions with a raised profile will make the drivers aware of pedestrian crossings.
- The addition of a monument can be introduced at the first intersection from the Washington's Crossing Bridge can serve as an entry marker into the area.
- The addition of stop lights or flashing lights should be avoided because they will detract from the aesthetics.

Mr. Cottrell suggested measures to regulate traffic.

- Possibly placing an island or planter that would slow traffic and make drivers more aware.
- He pointed out that many drivers disregard the first stop sign.
- If the raised road profile is used drainage must be taken into account.

Mr. Palmer suggested other considerations for improvements to the intersection.

- It was pointed out that many people gather in the park, including many bicyclists and that can be a distraction for some drivers.
- Emergency vehicles need access, and any improvements must consider it.
- The solution should consider bicyclists riding off the bridge and the impact on pedestrian traffic.

Mr. Dennedy proposed suggestions for vehicular traffic regulation.

- If an island or planter is added, the turning radius of emergency vehicles must be considered.
- All crossing material must be ADA compliant and is a concern for any material selected for the road.
- Field measurements of the shoulders and sidewalk will give a better idea for a feasible solution.

Mr. Nyman mentioned the 5- or 10-year plan for the Washington Crossing Bridge. Mr. Nyman also discussed the possibility of a coordinated solution with Washington Crossing Historic Park.

## **V. Public Comment**

There was no public comment

## **VI. Next Meeting: July 26, 2023**

## **VII. Adjournment**

A motion was made by Mr. Dennedy and seconded by Mr. Palmer to adjourn the meeting at 12:50 p.m.

Approved: May 24, 2023