

# Upper Makefield *Township*

## *Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting*

July 26, 2023

The July 26, 2023, public meeting of the Upper Makefield Township Traffic Advisory Committee was called to order by Chair Leena Saini at 12:00 p.m. In attendance were the following members of the Traffic Advisory Committee: Chair Leena Saini, and Member Robert Palmer. Vice Chair Sean Cottrell and 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 Chair Leena Saini at 12:00 p.m.

### **II. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

A motion was made by Ms. Saini and seconded by Mr. Palmer to approve the May 24, 2023 meeting minutes. Motion approved by unanimous vote.

### **III. Public Comment**

Mr. Vincent Murphy, 27 Terrell Drive, referenced a parking problem in the Lakeside Development and requested consideration to establish a no parking zone. As that is not the current focus of this committee, he was referred to the Planning & Zoning Department.

### **IV. Traffic Calming, Pedestrian Safety, Design Elements for Quadrant II (River Road from Washington Crossing Historic Park Visitor's Center to Intersection)**

Each member provided input on strategies for traffic calming with an emphasis on pedestrian safety in Quadrant II – River Road from the Visitors Center to the 4-way intersection. During discussion, Quadrant II was extended to include the larger parking lot at the Park, referred to as the North Lot.

Ms. Saini proposed determining the safest means of pedestrian access from the intersection to the Park Visitor's Center. She noted that the lack of sidewalks along River Road causes people to walk along the road shoulder or on the grass. It was noted that one side of River Road includes private property. The committee also discussed funneling foot traffic to one crosswalk versus multiple crosswalks on Rt 532 and adding signage.

At the Park, adding a crosswalk at the North Lot was discussed that would provide access to an existing pathway, referred to as Old River Road, located on and along Park property.

During discussion, some options mentioned were to provide visual cues and improve pedestrian safety at the four-way intersection included a raised crosswalk, elevated speed table, pedestrian island, brick/cobblestone sections, and signage.

Mr. Nyman reminded the committee that many of their considerations are located within the Park, so the Township can only share them as recommendations. He plans to schedule a

meeting with the Park Manager before the next meeting to learn what plans they have for the PA 250 event.

At the next meeting, information from the Park will be included with a review of Quadrant II followed by discussion of Quadrant III – River Road from the Embarcation Road lot to the 4-way intersection.

**V. Next Meeting: September 28, 2023.** Consensus was to move the next meeting to Thursday, September 28 at 12:00 pm.

**VI. Adjournment**

A motion was made by Ms. Saini and seconded by Mr. Palmer to adjourn the meeting at 12:58 p.m. Motion approved by a unanimous vote.

Approved: September 28, 2023