

Upper Makefield *Township*

Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting

November 30, 2023

The November 30, 2023 public meeting of the Upper Makefield Township Traffic Advisory Committee was called to order by Ms. Saini at 12:02 p.m. In attendance were the following members of the Traffic Advisory Committee: Chair Leena Saini, Vice Chair Sean Cottrell, Secretary Larry Dennedy, Member Robert Palmer. Also in attendance were Supervisor/Liaison Tom Cino, and Assistant Township Manager Judy Caporiccio.

I. Call to Order

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

II. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Cottrell and seconded by Mr. Palmer to approve the September 28, 2023 meeting minutes. Motion approved by unanimous vote.

III. Traffic Calming, Pedestrian Safety, Design Elements for Quadrant III (River Road from Embarcation Road Lot to Intersection)

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

Mr. Cottrell mentioned River Road and it's profile in relation to Embarcation Road. Traffic moving north on River Road toward Route 532 tends to flow at a higher rate of speed. Traffic calming considerations should be considered, especially around the curve in River Road since visibility is limited.

Ms. Saini suggested moving pedestrian flow to the western side of River Road to avoid the Embarcation Road and River Road intersection. Most pedestrian traffic originating around Embarcation Road is a result of the field area being used as a parking area during events at Washington's Crossing Park.

Mr. Palmer suggested bicycle traffic on River Road should be better regulated, especially around intersections. Bicyclists can be hazardous to pedestrians especially at intersections.

Mr. Dennedy suggested measures such as a split rail fence or planting system to prevent pedestrians from crossing River Road in areas other than designated crosswalks. All crosswalk materials have to be ADA compliant.

The members had a general discussion on sidewalk illumination on River Road and Route 532. Special care should be taken to get input from local residents since the area will become brighter at night.

The members also had a discussion on sidewalk material. Township Supervisor mentioned that a red brick or stone surface might be financially feasible. The committee members agreed to look at surface materials other than normal concrete.

The committee discussed a potential timeline needed to introduce a design concept to the State Parks Department.

VI. Public Comment

There was no public comment

VII. 2024 Meeting Schedule

The committee agreed to a 2024 meeting schedule of every other month on the 4th Thursday at noon, except for December 5 due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

VII. Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Cottrell and seconded by Ms. Saini to adjourn the meeting at 1:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Larry Denedy, Secretary
Approved: January 31, 2024

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