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**TO:** Radnor Township Commissioners; Robert A. Zienkowski, Township Manager; William M. White, Director of Finance; Stephen F. Norcini, Township Engineer; Steve McNelis, Public Works Director; Tammy Cohen, Director of Recreation and Community Programming; Kevin W. Kochanski, Director of Community Development; Bill Cassidy, Field Leader; Lt. Shawn Dietrich; Lt. Joseph Pinto; Sgt. Mark Stiansen, Officer Alex Janoski; Officer Pat Lacey, Officer Ken Piree, Officer Ray Matus, Highway Patrol Unit; William Gallagher, Supervisor of Parking; Amy Kaminski, Traffic Engineer for Gilmore and Associates; Vera DiMaio, Executive Assistant

**FR:** Christopher B. Flanagan

**RE: STAFF TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE POLICE ROLL CALL ROOM, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2020, 10:00 AM.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Erin Dunkel requests lighting at the overpass on the bridge at Maplewood Avenue and “No Littering” signage at the same location

Only received one complaint. Steve Norcini will investigate the possibility of the installation of a “cobra light” to alleviate the darkness underneath the bridge. Public Works has removed the graffiti.

2. Officer Charles Farrell of Lower Merion Police Department requests installation of “Do Not Pass” advisory signs to be placed on County Line Road and Airdale Road

Sgt. Stiansen, Officer Matus (ret.) and Bill Cassidy met with Lower Merion Officer Charles Farrell at County Line Rd. and Airdale several months ago to determine a location for the “Do Not Pass” signs to be placed. The signs will be erected as soon as possible.

3. Chief Chris Flanagan would like to discuss roads and flooding and adding water level height signs to existing signs posts

Steve Norcini, Sgt. Stiansen and a representative from TAPCO met at several locations in Wayne for possible areas to place the TAPCO water level signs. These locations were sent to Chief Flanagan. Mr. Norcini states the approval of the TAPCO signs will be at the discretion of the Acting Township Manager and the Board of Commissioners.

4. Chief Chris Flanagan requests Radnor Police Highway Patrol check on the status of painted pedestrian crosswalks, traffic signals and pedestrian signals in the Township.

Radnor Police Highway Patrol did check the status of crosswalks, traffic signals, and ped signals. Bill Cassidy reports they repaint the crosswalks in the Township on an annual basis, weather permitting.

5. Radnor Elementary School Annual 5K to be held on Sunday, May 17, 2020

All insurance and information needed were provided.

6. Catherine Agnew requests approval for the Annual South Wayne Porchfest to be held on Saturday, September 12, 2020 (Rain date: Sunday, September 13th)

All insurance and information needed were provided. Porchfest will request a patrol officer to assist with crossing pedestrians, and bike officer for patrol purposes. They also request CPA members for assistance.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Commissioner Lisa Borowski would like to discuss traffic through the Comrie and Woodstock bus stop and also 320 and Conestoga Road

Carrie O'Donovan reports she still has pedestrian safety concerns on Woodstock and Comrie. Highway Patrol reports conducting Stop Sign Selectives in the 8 o'clock hour during one morning. This resulted in 14 citations being issued to motorists. The traffic counter was placed out. The average speed for vehicles traveling on Woodstock was 21 MPH. Residents are concerned about the volume. The overall volume was similar to a count in 2017; however, volume has increased in the 0800 hrs. – 0900 hrs. time period. This may be a result of the Darby Paoli Rd. detour which causes more volume on Conestoga Rd. The back-up on Conestoga is resulting in vehicles cutting through Woodstock. Steve Norcini has been in touch with Paul Lutz of PennDot. Mr. Lutz was requested to check the timing of the traffic signal at Conestoga and 320 to see if adjustments can be made. Additionally, for pedestrian safety, Officer Janoski states that the children and adults at the bus stop should not be standing farther than necessary out in the street. Highway Patrol reports that while watching the Stop sign and bus pick-up at Woodstock/Comrie observing children standing too far in the street, causing a dangerous situation. Commissioner Borowski reports that she will address this in an upcoming newsletter to her constituents.

**See attached spreadsheet for pending issues**

Good Morning, Ladies and Gentlemen.

Thank you for giving our neighborhood a spot on your agenda this morning.

I would like to thank Lisa Borowski, Chris Flanagan, and Mark Stiansen who responded quickly to my email on Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> for clarification and regarding our concerns. Included in our thanks are those officers who responded to our bus stop on Thursday February 6<sup>th</sup>.

I also want to thank the neighbors here today and those who have reached out in the name of traffic safety concerns over the years. Mr. Berardino has requested intervention to enforce complete stops at the corner of Woodstock and S. Spring Mill many times over the last few years. Mr. Pugh requested assistance two years ago with concerns about speed and the number of cars on the roads in our neighborhood. Mrs. Hoffman recently contacted you about cars failing to stop at the corner of Comrie and Woodstock. I reached out last spring expressing my concerns for pedestrian safety – especially regarding our school-age pedestrians using the roads before and after school for their bus stop and recreation. Hopefully this helps to show those present that this is an ongoing issue, which has left the residents of our neighborhood feeling unsafe on our streets.

For those who are unfamiliar, we have been struggling with pedestrian safety for several years. The roads most impacted are those that serve as a cut through between Conestoga and 320 or 30 (Hardwicke, Comrie, Woodstock, and S. Spring Mill). Often during rush hour, we are inundated with vehicles trying to avoid back ups on major roads. Full stops at stop signs along this cut through route are alarmingly rare, rates of speed are unsafe for pedestrians sharing these winding roads with cars, drivers are distractedly looking down at traffic apps, and volume is absolutely overwhelming at times.

I know that Radnor has counted cars in our neighborhood at least twice-which we greatly appreciate, as it's an indication of your responsiveness to potential traffic calming measures. I've read a bit of the Radnor Township Code about Traffic Calming Systems, so I am also aware that for a traffic calming measure such as speed bumps to be considered, over 1000 cars a day would need to be counted in a given area. Those numbers are a perfectly logical starting point...in breaking that number down a bit, 46 cars an hour is a lot of traffic in a residential area where pedestrians must share the road with cars. I am here this morning because sometimes the number of cars traveling through our neighborhood is over 50 in ten minutes when 17 children and their accompanying adults are also in the road. That is a whole new set of numbers. Our neighborhood may not neatly fit into a standard criteria box, but the code at 262A-5, section M also states that the township can consider and install traffic calming measures to protect the health, safety, and welfare of a specific neighborhood, especially for streets with a high concentration of pedestrian and vehicular traffic. Perhaps that is exactly where our numbers fit in.

With these concerns in mind, we would like to arrange a meeting with the township, police, and a small group of neighbors to consider options for traffic calming or other solutions.

Thank you for your time and this opportunity to voice our concerns. We look forward to hearing your thoughts.