

**TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**  
**Zoom Meeting Minutes**  
**February 2, 2021**

Attendance: Chair Gordon Stuss, Chief Shawn Bennett, Lauren Brickner-McDonald, Lisa Duke-Lees, Paul Odenwelder, Eva Mesicek, Councilwoman Audrey Lane, BOE Liaison Jen Scarpati

Minutes: October 2020 minutes were approved.

Chief Bennett's Report:

*Crosswalks:* A completed report has identified crosswalks in need of painting in Mtn Lakes. The municipality is responsible for painting lines on all Mtn. Lakes roads, including County roads. Temporary crosswalks will be lined on Morris Ave. at Powerville and Elm Roads. When Morris Avenue has been paved then new painting of lines/cross walks will take place and should be completed by summer.

*Signs:* Lisa suggested signage at the entrance to Mtn Lakes by Crane and Rt. 46 should have larger numbers for 25 mph. Lisa and Shawn will travel Morris Ave. to determine if more 25 mph signs are needed on the newly repaired road. They will report back to TSC.

*Speed studies :* The study for Rainbow Trail and Pinewood Lane did not indicate speeders, most likely due to the topography of the roadways.

A speed study was completed for the Spruce Edge/Pine Ridge area of town. The study indicated that speeding is not an issue. Shawn suggested when the roads are relined to bring the lines in closer from the edge of roadways for traffic calming.

*MLPD:* The MLPD is in the process of hiring more officers. Currently, all officers have received the first of two doses of the COVID19 vaccine. By the end of February all officers will have received their second dose of the vaccine.

Jen asked if Sgt. Gil Benitez will be assigned to a post other than at the schools. Shawn responded that it depends on the hiring process timing.

Old Business:

*Letter to Borough Manager* - Gordon drafted a letter with TSC recommendations addressing the traffic pattern concerns and recommendations made by the county engineer around Wildwood School. Any further comments from TSC members should be sent to Gordon this week before the letter is sent to the Borough Manager.

*MLHS Student Liaison:* Discussion about student creating a video presentation for TSC community outreach. Jen suggested contacting the MLHS Office of Career Services to connect with a student looking to fulfill community service hours.

*Railing along Morris Avenue:* Gordon asked if railings would be installed next to sections of the new sidewalk along Morris Ave. There are areas where the new sidewalk creates a change in grade of the land. The land will be looked at for placement of railings.

*Stop Sign Recommendations:* Recommendations included Martins Lane and Martins Lane/ Crestwood and Lakewood. Paul suggested looking at 'T' intersections. TSC members will observe for other areas before we bring the recommendations to Borough Council for approval.

*New 'Welcome' Signs:* Lisa suggested 'Now entering Mountain Lakes' signs to include the 25 mph at town entrances (Pocono Rd at Denville/Rainbow Trail at Rt. 46). The signs would not be located on the Boulevard where the speed limit is 35 mph. TSC members will send other sign recommendations to Gordon.

Zeris Inn: Audrey reported on the completed traffic study for the new hotel and Wawa gas station at the Zeris Inn location. The report indicated a need for a sidewalk along Rt. 46 and Fox Hill Road.

Budget: the 2021 budget is \$1,600. TSC will designate \$500 for the Bike Rodeo. Discussion about remaining funds included purchase of bike racks and 25 mph movable roadway signs. Audrey will inquire about resource for past purchase of bike racks. The committee will decide after next meeting on the allocation of the funds.

Next Zoom meeting:  
April 20, 2021 @ 5:30pm

Submitted by Lauren Brickner-McDonald