

LOCAL TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE
AGENDA
OCTOBER 22, 2015
1:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / MOMENT OF SILENCE
2. CHAIRMAN WILL ASK IF ANYONE IS GOING TO RECORD THE MEETING
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

AUGUST 20, 2015

3. OLD BUSINESS

OCTOBER 12, 2015 LETTER REGARDING HERSHEY MILL ESTATES

4. NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDER REQUEST FOR TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES ON MORSTEIN ROAD

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS
6. ADJOURNMENT

Draft
EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
LOCAL TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
August 20, 2015

The East Goshen Township Local Traffic Advisory Committee (LTAC) held a meeting on Thursday, August 20, 2015 at 1:00 pm at the East Goshen Township Building. Members in attendance were: Township Manager Rick Smith; Orth-Rodgers Associates representative Dean Kaiser; Pennoni Associates representative Nathan Cline; and WEGO Police Officer Leo Kennedy. Others present were: Township CFO Jon Altshul; and resident Joe Devine, President, Hershey's Mill Estates HOA.

The meeting was called to order by Rick Smith at 1:00 pm.

No one was recording the meeting.

Minutes of October 29, 2014 were approved as submitted.

The purpose of today's meeting was to discuss the concerns of the residents of Hershey's Mill Estates and review the results of the Traffic Calming Investigation.

Dean reported that they collected data at 3 intersections;

1. Rt. 352 & Tanglewood Dr,
2. Greenhill Rd. & Foxglove La.
3. Hershey's Mill Rd & Tanglewood Dr.

Additional speed data was collected near the intersections of

1. Tanglewood Dr. & Candytuft
2. Tanglewood Dr. & the pool access

The survey was conducted between the hours of 7:00-9:30 am and 4:00-6:00 pm in conjunction with peak traffic periods and class schedules at Immaculata University.

They looked at license plates for cut-throughs and then speed.

Similar studies were done for these locations in 2002 and 2007.

They looked at surrounding conditions; ie, Rt. 352 and King Rd. intersection may be a cause for cut-throughs.

AM cut-throughs were at 48.3% and PM was 6.6%. However, the posted speed limit is 25 mph and the speed investigation found:

- Tanglewood Drive – eastbound – 33 MPH 85th percentile speed
- Near Candytuft La – westbound – 31 MPH 85th percentile speed
- Tanglewood Dr near pool access – eastbound 35 MPH 85th percentile speed
westbound 32 MPH 85th percentile speed

Dean feels it is time to go proceed with the process to see if the community wants speed humps installed.

Rick explained that the Committee needs to make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors. Notice of the BOS meeting will be sent to the residents. If the BOS agrees that it is time to see what the residents want, then the LTAC would conduct an

1 informational meeting for the residents and a survey will be sent out. The result of the
2 survey must be 70% responding yes to speed humps.

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4 Joe Devine asked Dean if any communities that have speed humps have asked for
5 removal of them. Dean answered that Waterview currently has 5 speed humps and are
6 asking for another. He is not aware of any complaints.

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8 Rick explained that in Hershey's Mill Estates the lots small with driveways close to each
9 other so a speed humps may be in front of someone's home with signs alerting people to
10 the speed hump.

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12 Leo mentioned that, out of the 3 townships the Police Department serves, Westtown has
13 the most traffic complaints. There is one road coming off of Rt. 202 where they give out
14 speeding tickets for 55-60 MPH. He feels getting 70% approval in Hershey's Mill
15 Estates may be a challenge.

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17 Dean spoke about some deflectors that can be used but aren't recommended. He hasn't
18 found any proof that a speed hump decreases property values.

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20 The approximate locations for speed humps are 1523, 1541 & 1566 Tanglewood Dr. The
21 exact locations will be marked on the street by Rick and Dean next week.

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23 It was the consensus of Committee that they would recommend that the Board of
24 Supervisors authorize the LTAC to hold an informational public meeting regarding the
25 installation of three speed humps on Tanglewood Dr. and following this meeting send a
26 ballot to each property owner in Hershey Mill Estates. The approximate locations for
27 speed humps are 1523, 1541 & 1566 Tanglewood Dr.

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29 Rick will prepare a memo for the next BOS meeting on Tuesday, September 1, 2015, and
30 provide a copy to Joe.

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32 The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 pm.

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34 Respectfully submitted,

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38 Ruth Kiefer
39 Recording Secretary
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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP

CHESTER COUNTY

1580 PAOLI PIKE, WEST CHESTER, PA 19380-6199

October 12, 2015

Dear Resident:

In response to a request from the Hershey Mill Estates Homeowners Association the East Goshen Township Local Traffic Advisory Committee (LTAC) looked into what can be done to reduce speeding and cut-thru traffic in your neighborhood.

By way of background the traffic conditions in Hershey Mill Estates meet the warrants for speed humps and the LTAC concluded that installing three speed humps on Tanglewood Drive would be appropriate. The Board of Supervisors authorized the LTAC to hold an informational meeting and issue ballots to see if the residents were in favor of the speed humps.

The informational meeting was held on Thursday, October 8, 2015 the Township Building.

Approximately 20 residents attended the meeting and some of the residents at the meeting were in favor of speed humps while others were opposed. One concern repeatedly expressed was that installing speed humps at the proposed locations would not reduce the speed at the curve on Tanglewood Drive by the swimming pool. The general consensus of those in attendance was that prior to sending out a ballot, the Township should undertake some other steps to see if they would reduce the speed of vehicles. These steps would include the following:

- Trim the street trees in order to increase the visibility for motorists and pedestrians.
- Install curve signs with advisory speed placards at the curve by the swimming pool.
- Install raised pavement markers at the curve by the swimming pool.

In addition the LTAC will investigate the possibility of adding fill material along the edge of the road at the curve in order to provide pedestrians with an area to get off of the pavement and reconfiguring the island at Burning Bush Lane and Tanglewood Drive.

The tree trimming is scheduled for this fall, and the curve signs and raised pavement markers will be installed within the next few weeks. Once the above have been completed, I will schedule another informational meeting.

Sincerely,



Louis F. Smith, Jr.
Township Manager

Rick Smith

From: Sandra Makos <semakos@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 27, 2015 6:44 PM
To: Rick Smith
Subject: Petition to Examine Traffic Patterns on Morstein Road
Attachments: Morstein Road Petition Signature.xlsx; Morstein Road Traffic Petition.pdf

Good Evening Mr. Smith,

As we discussed before, the residents of Morstein Road are very concerned about the cars that go speeding up and down our road. We are concerned for the safety of the people who live on this road and for the other East Goshen residents who use this road to take walks, go jogging, walk their dogs, wait at bus stops and ride their bikes. It is also a safety concern for anyone who drives on this road. Itt is a very narrow road at points with curves and blind spots that make it very hard to avoid the speeding cars that come down our road. Cars often drive in the middle of the road as well. We are asking East Goshen Township to take a look at this issue and take measures to rectify it.

I have attached the petition that East Goshen requires, with 5 of the 25 Morstein Road households' signatures. There are other local East Goshen residents who also signed it because it impacts the whole neighborhood. This is the link to the online petition as well.
<https://www.change.org/p/rick-smith-east-goshen-township-manager-stop-speeding-on-morstein-road>

Please let me know what other information you need. I will also put a hard copy of the petition and signatures in the mail to you tomorrow.

Thank you!

Sandra Makos & Morstein Road Residents

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October 12, 2015

Dear Resident:

In response to a petition signed by some residents of Morstein Road the East Goshen Township Local Traffic Advisory Committee (LTAC) intends to look into what can be done to help reduce speeding on Morstein Road. The LTAC was created to review requests such as this and to make recommendations on the type of and location of traffic calming measures to the Board of Supervisors.

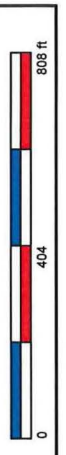
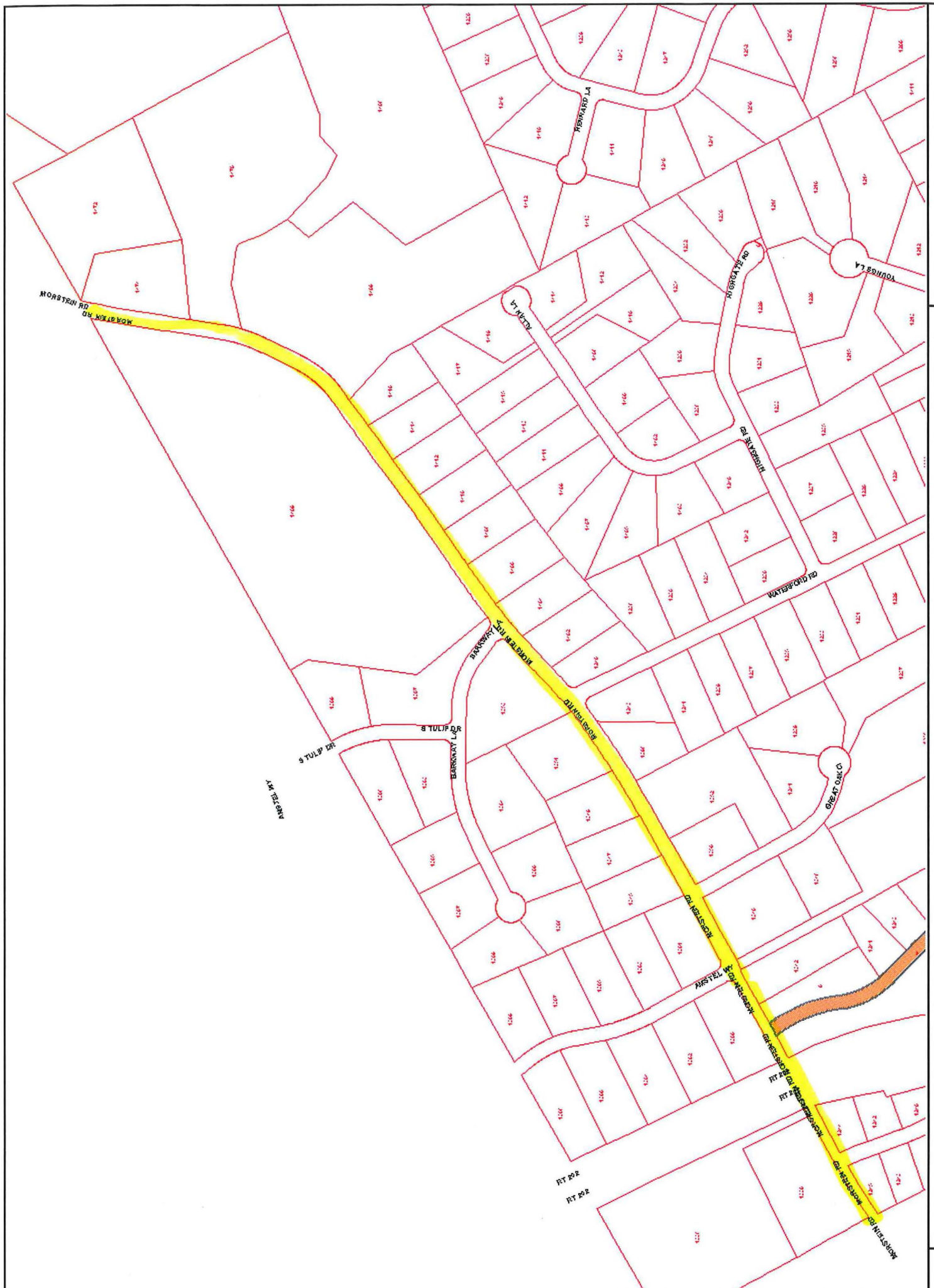
As summary of the process is described on the reverse side of this letter.

The LTAC will hold a meeting at the Township Building on Thursday October 22, 2015 at 1 pm to meet with representatives of your street to consider the request. This meeting is open to the public.

If you have any questions or need additional information please call me at 610-692-7171 or e-mail me at rsmith@eastgoshen.org.

Sincerely,

Louis F. Smith, Jr.
Township Manager



MORSTEIN ROAD

