

TOWNSHIP OF VERONA
NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC & SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
May 11, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 7:33 PM via Zoom.

Open public meeting statement was read.

ROLL CALL

Santi Condorelli, Matt Cavallo, Councilman Ted Giblin, Jennifer Deshazer, Nicole Quick, Louis Knoetig, Susan DeWitt, and John Jahr, Township Engineer were present. Robert Rowbotham, Al Rawding, Alissa Randall, Chief Christopher Kiernan and Board of Education Representative were absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the March 9, 2021 meeting were approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion:

- John Jahr gave us a list of some traffic issues that he will speak with the Chief about what to prioritize.
 - Speeding, congestion, pedestrian safety, schools, Central Business District parking, cut through traffic, left turn accidents, traffic calming, Complete Streets.
 - Bloomfield Ave intersections – Forest (need accidents, consider prohibiting left turns, do not block box, enhanced stripping)
 - Sunset/Mt. Prospect
 - Pine St
 - Southwest Neighborhood Study – Forest Ave, Lakeside
 - White Rock Road roundabouts.
 - Speed hump and stop sign rules
 - Pedestrian Safety and Crosswalks – Cumberland & Bloomfield
- John stated he met with Forest Ave resident and did observe the issues he has been speaking about.
- Nicole Quick stated we have been discussing speeding and excessive traffic issues for 2 years and there does not seem to be any action happening on the residential streets. Feels we need to get serious about this.
- John suggested we make list and send to him and then we can prioritize at next meeting
- Santi suggested we pick one issue and make it our priority now.
 - Nicole stated Claremont Ave speeding is out of control.
 - Louis stated motorists not stopping at stop signs, entire length from Pompton to Cumberland is a concern.

- Louis also stated he sees a problem in the Forest Ave section around the field with cars illegally parked and motorist driving carelessly while pedestrians are in the roadway.
- Committee agreed Claremont Ave should be our priority at this time. John will get together with Chief Kiernan and come up with some ideas and report back to the committee.
- Anyone with concerns is asked to email them to Sue who will forward to John and share with the committee.
- John said one of the issues with the S/W quadrant is the Bloomfield/Lakeside intersection. To avoid this intersection, motorists go onto the side streets. May need to consider no left turns at some intersections on Lakeside.
- Councilman Giblin stated has been a pleasure to work with this committee for the past two years. He also thanked the committee members for being on the committee.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Jessica Medina – 276 Linden Ave
 - Linden Avenue between Grove and Fairview is a hot spot with traffic volume and speeding.
 - Asked why there is no crossing guard at Fairview and Linden as it is a dangerous intersection for children to cross.
- George Manousos – 37 Forest Avenue
 - Forest Ave is an issue in the S/W quadrant with speeding and volume of traffic
 - Asked about update on truck routes
 - Asked if we would be getting new people on committee and how people could apply to be on the committee.
- Councilman Giblin explained process to apply to be on the committee.
- Santi asked Sue to review committee attendance and expiring terms with Manager Cavallo.
- John reported that the State DOT has the final say on any truck routes or weight limits. Town must apply but State has final approval. Also, if you propose a truck route you must also have a plan for where the traffic is going to go.

Next Meeting – July 13, 2021 @ 7:30 PM via Zoom

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:21 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan DeWitt
Secretary