

June 20, 2022
Pedestrian Crosswalks (Safety)
Workshop Meeting Minutes
6:00 p.m.

The Franklin Township Supervisors met on the above date at the Franklin Township Administration Building located at 889 Fairyland Road. Township Officials present were Supervisors Fred Kemmerer Jr., Robin Cressley and Jason Frey, Secretary-Treasurer Brenda Cressley. A list of others in attendance at the meeting is attached to the Minute Book. Chairman Frey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Chairman Kemmerer opened the meeting by stating the Board of Supervisors having recently received verbal and written complaints along with requests for crosswalks, signage etc. regarding the safety of pedestrians when patronizing businesses located in Franklin Township.

Business owner Ty Poole was asked by Chairman Kemmerer to speak about his safety issues at his place of business. Mr. Poole began by speaking about the ongoing safety problem he has seen at his business for a long time. In the past he requested that Crosswalks be painted on Canal Street but the Township Supervisors shot it down. He said the PennDot Rep Thomas Rogal agreed that there is a crosswalk needed there but the Supervisors shot it down. He feels the Crosswalks are needed not just for his business but the School Bus Stop and regular Canal Street Traffic. The problem is the increase of more vehicles on the roads which brings more speeding. He would like to see multiple crosswalks along with signage for the Crosswalks. Mr. Poole would also like to see SLOW signs on the roadways.

Brenda & Roy Artz owners of Larose's Skating Rink were present to voice their safety concerns with the patrons that frequent their business. They have purchased signs a few years ago for Interchange Road and one was stolen soon after they were installed by Franklin Township's Road Crew. They were told years ago from the state that Crosswalks are out. Mrs. Artz said the state recently painted the words SLOW on Interchange Road in hopes to slow the traffic down. she said they would like the traffic lights located at the old Franklin Elementary School to be used only during their regular working hours. They would also show the speed limit that the person(s) were going and help them to realize they need to slow down. Mrs. Artz says flares help but are expensive. The Artz's explained to the Supervisors where their property lines are and said they are welcome to place the signs anywhere on their property.

Rod Mann was present and stated that he feels Crosswalks would be beneficial. His concern was how the Crosswalks would be enforced. Would the State approve Crosswalks to be used just as a warning or will they be enforceable?? Rod would also like to see the use of radar be awarded to the State of Pennsylvania. He thinks that would be a great help in lowering the speed limit.

Resident Daniel Sell was present to say Police Officers are here to protect and serve and should have some responsibility to help with pedestrian safety. He would like to see a Stop Sign placed at Bunker Hill and Franklin Heights Road.

Nathan Gerace was present on behalf of Representative's Dan Meuser office. He was asked if there is any federal funding available for Crosswalks etc. He suggested the best thing to do is to write a letter to the Department of Highways.

Chairman Kemmerer said the State requires a pedestrian traffic study be completed to know if a crosswalk would be allowed in the areas (Canal St. and Interchange Rd.) that were talked about. He will speak to Chief Doll regarding the police sitting at both properties. In closing Mr. Kemmerer said he would like to stay active on this matter by corresponding as a group through emails. He asked all present to write down their emails and let the Supervisors know their hours so he can let the police department know when would be best to have the police officers stationed at their property.

Permanent fix would be for lighting, crosswalks and signs to be installed
Short Term Fix would be to have more of a police presence to address the safety issues.

He would like to re-visit this topic in a few months to see where we are at with this matter.

Before the meeting ended Mrs. Artz asked if we could have an Ordinance not allowing the use of Jake Brakes. We will refer that question to Attorney Nanovic.

Fred Kemmerer made a motion to adjourn the workshop meeting at 7:17 p.m. Rod Mann seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Brenda E. Cressley, Secretary