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Transportation Advisory Committee October 28th, 2025

The regularly scheduled public meeting of the Township of Spring Transportation Advisory Committee was called to order by Vice-Chairperson Chief Brock at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, October 28th, 2025, in the Public Meeting Room of the Township of Spring Administration Building, located at 2850 Windmill Road, Spring Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania. The following members were present: Supervisor Patti Smith, Assistant Township Director & Interim Public Works Director, Dean Murray, and Police Chief Steve Brock. Brad Weisman arrived at 8:40 a.m., and Supervisor Mike Wertz was unable to attend. Township Secretary Mary Rossi, Director of Engineering & Planning Jason Reichert, GIS Engineering & Planning Coordinator Jen Bensinger, Public Works Foreman Randy Fultz, Solicitor Dan Becker, Casey Kerschner, Kenneth & Lana Gockley, Linda Wunsch, Kim Hart, Diane & Jeff Wenger, and Darryl & Diane Dunkleberger were also in attendance.

Agenda Amendments

Motion to amend the agenda to discuss Chapel Hill, Gelsingers Road & Fritztown Road was made by Mr. Murray and seconded by Ms. Smith. Upon roll call, all Committee Members voted affirmatively. MOTION CARRIED

Approval of September 23rd, 2025, Minutes

Motioned by Mr. Murray and seconded by Ms. Smith to approve the minutes of September 23rd, 2025. Upon roll call, all Committee members present voted affirmatively. MOTION CARRIED

Discussion/Action Items

1) Request for a four-way stop sign at Chapel Hill Road and Mohns Hill Road

Casey Kerschner, 541 Mohns Hill Road, provided exhibits to the Committee and said that he has lived at the top of the hill on Mohns Hill Road since 2017. Mr. Kerschner stated that the speed limit is 40mph and noted that there is a speeding issue on that stretch of road, suggesting that 85% of the traffic is moving approximately 55 mph. There are eight (8) driveways from the top of Mohns Hill Road down to the intersection, and he believes his driveway is the only one that meets sight distance requirements, whether due to grading or vegetation blocking visibility.

Mr. Kerschner stated that his primary concern is speeding, noting that the Township recently installed a flashing speed limit sign at the bottom of the hill. Mr. Kerschner pointed out that the Police Department had previously contacted him about installing lines in front of his driveway in 2020-21.

1) Request for a four-way stop sign at Chapel Hill Road and Mohns Hill Road (Continued)

Mr. Kerschner reviewed the exhibits he distributed, displaying drone aerial shots of the site distance, noting that PennDOT's minimum site distance requirements for a 40mph roadway are approximately 345ft, and that, looking up SR. 222, the site distance is less than 200ft due to vegetation in that area. Other items in the exhibits showed that there is a no-truck-turning-left sign as you approach from the southern end of Chapel Hill Road towards Mohns Hill Road. Mr. Kerschner said that when you look left up the hill, there are two (2) trees in the way, and you need to inch forward to be able to see and noted that there is also a sign that blocks motorists coming down the hill. In addition to sight-distance issues, Mr. Kerschner said the Township could make adjustments to improve the intersection. If you go back to PennDOT's five (5) year crash history, which does not include 2025 yet, you will find that there were four reportable accidents from 2020 to 2024.

Mr. Kerschner said that his mailbox had been taken out, hit multiple times, and that cars going up and down the hill drive through his yard. He said it is wild to see how people drive that stretch of road, noting that it is obviously a cut-through to SR. 222 from Wernersville and other areas of the Township. Mr. Kerschner stated that the Township is probably not able to lower the speed limit on that road, but requested that the Township consider a 4-way stop sign at the intersection to lower speeds going up the hill.

Chief Brock stated that the Department had received correspondence from residents inquiring about a four-way stop sign, noting that motorists think they have enough time to drive through, but they don't, which causes accidents. Chief Brock highlighted the accident reports from his Department for 2020-2025, stating that there were five reportable accidents on Mohns Hill at Chapel Hill Road and two on Chapel Hill Road at Mohns Hill Road, from the opposite direction.

Lana Gockley, 560 Mohns Hill Road, stated that she and her husband just moved to their home in March of this year. They have a single driveway, so they either have to turn around in their yard or back out onto Mohns Hill Road to get out, adding that their vehicle has almost been hit several times. Getting the mail is an issue, and she sees motorists passing garbage trucks, postal trucks, and Amazon trucks without the visibility to see traffic ahead.

Ms. Gockley said she fears for the small children who live in the neighborhood, noting that one day a ball will go into the road and a child will go after it. Motorists speed on this road and agreed that when vehicles get off SR. 222, they are still in SR.222 mode, coming down the road at 50-60mph. She and her husband did not realize when they bought their house how busy the road is, and it is scary. Ms. Gockley said she is not opposed to the Police Department sitting in her driveway to monitor traffic. Ms. Gockley agrees that a 4-way stop sign would help speed enforcement in this area and confirmed that the hours between 4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. are probably the worst time of day for speeding.

Mr. Kerschner & Ms. Gockley both indicated their desire for police presence and a 4-way stop at the location.

2) Site Issue on Grizzly Road

Mr. Murray said that a friend of the residents who live in the last house on Grizzly Road reached out to the Township regarding issues with tractor-trailers parking there, noting that they park in the middle of the street and block the roadway, sometimes preventing residents from accessing their homes. The Committee agreed that residents should call the Police when this occurs so they can respond to the area.

3) Request to Lower the Speed Limit at Iroquois Avenue at Wilson Southern

Chief Brock stated that a resident submitted a request regarding speeding in this area, noting that the speed limit is 35mph, and asked the Township to consider lowering it to 30 mph. Chief Brock indicated that there are school zone signals in that area that significantly slow traffic. Sergeant Hilliard conducted a Traffic Study at the location, and the results showed a 0.5% speeding violation rate, indicating no speeding issues in that location. Still, Sergeant Hilliard suggested lowering the speed limit to 30 mph, since motorists were actually traveling at much lower speeds.

Motion to recommend lowering the speed limit to 30mph at Iroquois Avenue and Wilson Southern was made by Ms. Smith and seconded by Mr. Weisman. Upon roll call, all Committee members present voted affirmatively. MOTION CARRIED

4) Request for a 4-Way Stop Sign at the Intersection of Riegel Avenue & Noble Street

Linda Wunsch, 2402 Noble Street, stated that she has lived on Noble Street for 40 years. Ms. Wunsch noted that there are no stop signs for three (3) blocks on Riegel, so traffic coming from Penn Avenue picks up speed. Ms. Wunsch said there is no four-way stop on Cecil Avenue at Noble Street, noting that until motorists reach the alley, they are flying. Ms. Wunsch stated that watching kids on their electric scooters and the cars flying up Riegel Avenue is enough to give you a heart attack. One night, she watched a girl fly up between two vehicles and collide with a pickup truck. Ms. Wunsch said she sent the Township a video from her neighbor's Ring camera, noting that there was an accident at the intersection where a truck ran a stop sign on Noble Street, hit a car going up Riegel, and took out a street sign. Ms. Wunsch stated that the intersection is dangerous and questioned whether it would be possible to paint "slow" on the street by the playground and confirmed for Mr. Murray that there is a "Playground Ahead" sign at that location.

Diane Wenger, 2403 Noble Street, stated that she has lived at her residence for over 40 years and said that the traffic is terrible, she would not just suggest a four way at Riegel & Noble, she would additionally recommended one on either Intervilla and Noble, stating that the cars come flying down bypassing Penn Avenue, stating vehicle fly up and down this three (3) block area. She noted having lived there she has seen all the changes to the traffic patterns, the kids with their scooters, noting that it is terrifying in the mornings as there are now a lot of kids riding their electric scooters to school, and that she has seen them multiple times almost get hit, noting that a lot of the time it is the cars coming from Penn Avenue to avoid the light and driving really fast, ignoring that there is a playground in the area. She said she is sometimes scared just getting in her car or driving through that intersection, because within one block, you have no idea how fast motorists are traveling from Penn Avenue.

4) Request for a 4-Way Stop Sign at the Intersection of Riegel Avenue & Noble Street
(Continued)

Kimberly Hart, 2404 Noble Street, stated that she has had two vehicles involved in hit-and-run incidents numerous times, and that one of the vehicles she had for only six months was hit multiple times. Her concern is that whenever there is an incident on Penn Avenue, motorists detour to Noble Street. There is no one to direct traffic, noting that the road is not wide enough to handle that volume, and she said that is usually when her vehicle is hit.

Ms. Smith stated that she is concerned about parking on Riegel, noting that there are trucks on one side and the other side is also blocked with parked vehicles. Ms. Smith pointed out that you have to inch your way out of the intersection to see. Ms. Smith said that when children are at the playground, they must look around trucks and vehicles to see if it is safe to cross. There was a discussion regarding all the construction vehicles that park in that area.

Chief Brock stated that during the August TAC Meeting, there was a discussion about possibly installing opposing cross traffic does not stop signs, and gave the following report: In the last five (5) years at the intersection of Riegel Avenue and Noble Street, there were two (2) reportable accidents. One was a pedestrian-motor vehicle accident in which a scooter pulled into traffic, disregarding the stop sign. The other accident was a non-reportable motor vehicle accident in which they failed to yield at the stop sign. At Riegel and Noble, there were two (2) accidents. There was a hit-and-run with a parked car in 2021; a vehicle hit a parked car; and a reportable motor vehicle accident in July of this year: a vehicle ended up in someone's yard. To summarize, Chief Brock stated that in 5 years, there were four accidents, a couple of parking tickets, and one moving violation for running a stop sign.

Ms. Smith said the playground is in that location, noting that Ms. Houck runs programs at the park on Wednesday nights, and that traffic in that area is busier than you think. Mr. Murray stated that, with the playground right there, he would not mind recommending a 4-way stop at that location and, additionally, having a traffic study done in some of the tighter streets in that area to determine whether they should be one-way streets.

Motion to install a 4-way stop sign at the intersection of Riegel Avenue & Noble Street and have a traffic study done in the West Lawn Area was made by Mr. Murray and seconded by Mr. Weisman. MOTION CARRIED

5) Traffic Concerns on Gelsinger Road/Chapel Hill Road/ & Old Fritztown Road

Darryl Dunkleberger, 95 Gelsinger Road, stated that one snowy winter, there were 14 wrecks, including one vehicle that went into the pond, and these are just the ones he is aware of. Mr. Dunkleberger stated that he has concerns about traffic from a new development in South Heidelberg Township and truck traffic that will result from the new proposed warehouse in South Heidelberg Township, as the trucks will most likely use Gelsinger Road or Chapel Hill Road as a shortcut to SR.222, adding that he would like to see that stopped. Mr. Dunkleberger said that backing out of his driveway is horrible and confirmed for Ms. Smith that there is even more traffic with Wheatfield Road closed.

5) Traffic Concerns on Gelsinger Road/Chapel Hill Road/ & Old Fritztown Road *(Continued)*

Darryl Dunkleberger, 95 Gelsinger Road *(Continued)*

The Committee discussed weight restrictions, and Mr. Dunkleberger suggested looking into length restrictions as well. Mr. Dunkleberger said that trucks are unable to make the turn from Chapel Hill Road to Fritztown Road, and that is always an issue. The Committee agreed to research weight and length restrictions and to review recommendations from the Police Department.

- 6) Electric Scooters - Chief Brock noted that the Township received a letter from a resident with concerns about kids riding electric scooters in the Township. Chief Brock discussed the current PA Law and stated that when the Department sees unsafe acts, they stop the kids and call their parents. The Committee had a lengthy discussion about this issue, and Mr. Becker gave his recommendation. Chief Brock said that he will reach out to other areas to see how they are addressing this issue and will review it at the next meeting.

Adjournment- *There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.*



Respectfully submitted,

Mary L Rossi

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Township Secretary