



In Attendance

Committee Members: Kenneth Kovalchik, Erin Savre, Oliver Holmes, Anne Benware and Mark Wahl.

Police Department – Adam Hornick

Parks and Recreation – Heather Eckert

Public – Paul Klein

The following is a summary from our February 27, 2018 Committee meeting:

Police Department Traffic Safety Updates

- A. Hornick stated the dept. has received a number of complaints related to speeding on Bender Lane (north and south side of Delmar Bypass).
- A. Hornick stated the dept. has received a number of complaints related to speeding on Russell Road.
- A semi-permanent speed radar sign will be installed on Lasher Road.

Planning Department Traffic Safety Updates

- Ken K. updated the Committee that he had received an email from a resident on Hudson Avenue complaining about the poor conditions of the sidewalk on Hudson Avenue, from Delaware Avenue to Adams Street. The resident also complained about speeding traffic on this stretch of Hudson Avenue.
- Ken K. stated the sidewalk conditions and speed issues would be discussed with the Town's Traffic Safety Committee to determine the next steps.

2018 Bethlehem Bike Expo

- May 19th has been confirmed as the date. The time of the event will be from 10:00AM to 2:00PM.
- The Committee discussed rebranding the event and calling it the "2018 Walk and Roll Fest".
- M. Whiteley was able to confirm the use of the Community Care rear parking lot area for the event.
- M. Wahl was able to confirm the use of the Legion parking lot for the event.
- Event can use the Legion parking lot for the skills stations.
- Event can use the Community Care parking lot for organizations to set up booths, radio station, kids activities, food vendors, Police Dept. bus and bike auction.
- Ideas discussed for possible demonstrations/exhibits related to pedestrian safety/education were as follows: (1) crosswalks; (2) yield to pedestrian law; and (3) 3' rule for bicyclists
- The Committee discussed possible incentives to increase elementary student participation. Options included outreach to PTA's and PE teachers and offering extra credit for students that attended the event. One idea for an incentive was if a student completed all the skills stations they could possibly get PE extra credit.
- The Committee discussed reaching out to the BCSD student who gave a presentation at the Committee's October 2017 meeting related to the dangers of cell phone use in crosswalks. The Committee agreed this would be a good educational topic to highlight at the event and suggested reaching out to the student.
- The Committee agreed that Walmart should be contacted to see if they would be willing to donate a bike(s) as a giveaway.
- Other giveaways discussed were water bottles and reflective straps.
- **UPDATE**
 1. K. Kovalchik, H. Eckert and M. Whiteley met on March 1 to discuss additional planning for the event.

2. Police Department will be responsible for – Bike patrols the day of the event, traffic safety materials, Albany County permit, bike auction, helmets.
3. Parks and rec Department will be responsible for – Kids activities materials, skills station materials, bike racks??
4. Bike Ped Committee will be responsible for – operating skills stations the day of the event, developing invites for organizations to attend the event, coordination with Legion, bike racks??
5. The Farmers Market starts on Saturday, May 5th. We should reach out to the FM to cross promote both events.
6. We should reach out to Shop Rite/Hannaford for food donations.

Complete Streets Fact Sheet

- There has been a number of posts on social media recently with negative comments related to the Complete Streets Feasibility Study that was conducted and the December 2017 Town Board resolution supporting the road diet option.
- The Town Supervisor and a Town Board member suggested it would be helpful to develop a Complete Streets Fact Sheet to share with the public as an education resource. It was suggested the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee would be a good resource to use to develop the fact sheet.
- Anne B. volunteered to work on a draft fact sheet with the assistance from Ken K.

Other Business

- Paul Klein, resident of Bender Lane attended the meeting to discuss traffic issues he is witnessing on Bender Lane (south of the Bypass).
- The issues are related to unsafe vehicle speeds due to the sharp corners on this section of Bender Lane and vehicles illegally traveling east past the Walmart entrance on Bender Lane.
- The Town Supervisor and Commander Hornick from the Bethlehem Police Department has met with Mr. Klein to discuss the issues.
- One option the Town may consider is improving the entrance/exit area to Walmart from Bender Lane to prevent vehicles from traveling east past the entrance/exit.
- Another option that could be considered is straightening the corners on Bender Lane, but this would most likely result in vehicles traveling faster and does not seem practicable.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:25PM.

Next Meeting Tuesday, March 27, at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall Room 101A.