

Traffic and Safety Committee

Minutes from March 18, 2014

Present:

Chair Paul Odenwelder, Borough Manager Bob Tovo, Chief Shawn Bennett, Councilman Doug McWilliams, Lauren Brickner-McDonald, Eva Mesicek, Kassy Holmberg, Lucas Smith.

- **Minutes** from December 3, 2013 meeting approved.
- **Opening comments:** A new member for TSC committee Lisa Duke-Lees has been approved by the Borough Council.
- **Manager's report:** Bob Tovo reported that there will be new striping lines painted on Sherwood Dr. once the weather improves. This should give an appearance of a narrower road and slow the traffic.
A hold will be put on Kenilworth sidewalk construction.
Borough will apply for grants to offset the cost of repaving damaged roads even though the paving budget has been doubled.
NJ Natural Gas will complete its road repairs.
- **Chief's report:** Shawn Bennett reported that the police will be more proactive in enforcing crosswalk rules. Will put out signs. There is a 5 point penalty for this violation. Doug suggested crosswalk stripes on Boulevard and Beech Way.
- **Old business:** Paul reported on discussion with Marnie Vyff about Sustainable NJ. The list of requirements includes anti-idling signs, safe travel to school plans - walking and biking, evaluation of existing conditions, conducting 4 walk/bike to school events, give documentation.
Recommendations to inform high school driver's ed. teacher about anti-idling rule.
HS students informed of "Texting" fines while driving.
- **New business:** DPW is responsible for checking the roads and repairing potholes. Public are also encouraged to report potholes.
Applications for Janice Hunts and Citizen of the Year awards can be obtained at the Borough Hall or the website
Lauren reported on "Next door. Com" in the Village. Some residents complained about cars endangering pedestrians and dogs and asking for lowering the speed limit.
Shawn stated the speed limit is 25 miles throughout town.
Organizing walk to school event suggested.
Halloween candy collection discussion: earlier start ways to inform public, get additional manpower, high school Key Club, applying for donations to Walmart. Shawn may have connection to M&M.

Next meeting Tuesday, June 17, 2014 at 5:30 PM at Borough Hall.

