

August 3, 2011
Curtis Hall

A regular meeting of the **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE** was held tonight, J. Andrew Sharkey, Chairman, presiding. Members present were Commissioners Hampton, Haywood, McKeown, Simon and Swavola. Staff present were Joseph Bagley, Wisler Pearlstine LLC; Bryan T. Havir, Assistant Township Manager; David Lynch, Director of Engineering, Zoning and Inspections; John J. Norris, Chief of Police; Joseph O'Neill, Fire Marshal; and David G. Kraynik, Township Manager. A Public Attendance List is attached.

Mr. Sharkey called the meeting to order.

1. Chief Norris reviewed the Police Activity/Community Policing Unit, Clearance and Juvenile Contact Reports for the month of June, 2011.

2. The Committee reviewed a proposed Ordinance to the Traffic Code as follows:

DELETE:

SPRING AVENUE	NO PARKING, east side, 255 feet north of Ashbourne Road to 275 feet north.
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ADD:

SPRING AVENUE	NO PARKING, east side, 241 feet north of Ashbourne Road to 287 feet north.
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Chief Norris advised that the proposed changes are the result of sight distance issues.

In response to a question from Ms. Hampton, Chief Norris reported that none of the accidents on this monthly report were in her ward.

Mr. Haywood asked for clarification of *Ride Your Bike to School Day*. Chief Norris responded that it is an outreach event by the police to children.

3. Upon motion of Mr. Simon, and unanimously approved by the Committee, it was recommended to the Board of Commissioners the adoption of an Ordinance amending

Chapter 285, thereof, entitled "Vehicles and Traffic" (see attached).

4. Upon motion of Mr. McKeown, and unanimously approved by the Committee, the Police Activity/Community Policing Unit, Clearance and Juvenile Contact Reports for the month of June, 2011 were accepted.

5. Mr. Haywood asked if there has been an increase in volunteerism at the Fire Companies. Mr. O'Neill responded that there appears to be a positive trend based on the information being tracked from physicals.

6. Upon motion of Mr. McKeown, and unanimously approved by the Committee, the Report of the Fire Marshal for the month of July, 2011 was accepted.

7. Upon motion of Mr. McKeown, and unanimously approved by the Committee, the Report of the EMS Director for the month of July, 2011 was accepted.

8. Under Old Business:

Ms. Hampton reported that she has received negative comments from residents regarding the Stop Sign that was recently relocated from Waverly Road and Glenside Avenue to Glenside Avenue and North Avenue. The concerns include blockages of driveways; one (1) accident; one (1) near accident; pedestrian concerns that it is now more difficult to cross to get to the park and the train station. She indicated that she has responded to residents that the Commissioners and the Police Department will evaluate the impact of the sign especially when school begins.

There were public comments as follows:

- a. Bob and Iris Hammarquist, 812 Glenside Avenue, opposed the Stop Sign. They noted the following issues: at this time of year, traffic is slow but once school begins the traffic will increase and there will be the addition of school buses; there is a school bus stop that was not considered; the residents on the railroad side are concerned how children will safely cross to the other side; residents cannot exit their driveways; trucks from a local business cannot make a turn, and this causes problems for motorists. They reported that a petition supporting removal of the Stop Sign is being circulated.

They requested that when this matter is next placed on an agenda, that residents be advised.

Mr. Haywood stated that he was unaware of the school bus stop and felt that the safety of children needed to be considered and acted upon.

Mr. Sharkey stated that the Stop Sign has only been installed for only one (1) month and is being monitored. He asked that the Police Department reach out to the school district to help evaluate the matter sooner than later. Residents will be advised of when it is placed on a future agenda for discussion.

- b. Ms. Cox, 816 E. Glenside Avenue, stated that the Stop Sign is near a driveway she shares with Mr. and Mrs. Hammarquist; it is a challenge entering Glenside Avenue; there is a sight distance problem because traffic coming from the other Stop Sign cannot be seen; noise from motorcycles has increased; the Stop Sign is a poor idea, and there should have been representation from the people who live close to it and are impacted by it.
- c. Scott Goss, 111 Waverly Road, felt that there is no good place for the Stop Sign; there is a lot of speeding on Waverly Road and wished there was a way to stop this; and there will be an issue wherever the Stop Sign is installed;
- d. Robert DeMaria, 65 Limekiln Pike, felt that the Police Department should publicize that traffic regulations will be enforced.

Chief Norris responded that the Police Department is constantly enforcing and reports advisories to the public every month. The Highway Safety Department is constantly outreaching to the public, there are special patrols, and the speed monitors are consistently being rotated around the Township.

The Committee had further discussion about high accident intersections.

There being no further business, upon motion of Mr. Sharkey, and unanimously approved by the Committee, the meeting was adjourned.



David G. Kraynik
Township Manager

as per Anna Marie Felix



PUBLIC ATTENDANCE LIST
Public Affairs Committee, 7:30 p.m.
Public Safety Committee, 7:45 p.m.
Building and Zoning Committee, 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday, August 3, 2011
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ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHELTENHAM, CHAPTER 285 THEREOF, ENTITLED VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, BY AMENDING CERTAIN STREET AND PARKING REGULATIONS.

The Board of Commissioners of the Township of Cheltenham hereby ordains:

SECTION 1. The Code of the Township of Cheltenham, Chapter 285, Article IV, entitled Schedule of Traffic Regulations, Section 285-43 thereof is hereby amended by **DELETING** the following:

SPRING AVENUE (15) NO PARKING, east side, 255 feet north of
Ashbourne Road to 275 feet north.

SECTION 2. The Code of the Township of Cheltenham, Chapter 285, Article IV, entitled Schedule of Traffic Regulations, Section 285-43 thereof is hereby amended by **ADDING** the following:

SPRING AVENUE (15) NO PARKING, east side, 241 feet north of
Ashbourne Road to 287 feet north.

SECTION 3. That in all other respects Chapter 285 of the Code of the Township of Cheltenham is hereby approved and accepted as amended, and shall continue in full force and effect.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its approval as required by law.

ENACTED into an Ordinance this **17th day of August, A.D., 2011.**

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TOWNSHIP OF CHELTENHAM

By _____
Harvey Portner, President

ATTEST: _____
David G. Kraynik, Secretary