

October 5, 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. Also present was Ex-Officio Member Portner. Staff present were Joseph Bagley, Wisler Pearlstine LLC; Bryan T. Havir, Assistant Township Manager; Kenneth Hellendall, EMS Director; 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 August, 2011.
2. The Committee reviewed a proposed Ordinance to the Traffic Code that would **add** and **delete** the following:

ADD:

Waverly Road, "NO PARKING", north side of Waverly Road from Keswick Avenue to Easton Road

DELETE:

Manor Road, "Handicapped Parking" at 8220 Manor Road

The Waverly Road restriction is due to vehicles parking on the north side of Waverly Road, which is not wide enough in that area for parking. The handicapped parking on Manor Road is no longer needed.

Chief Norris updated the Committee on Ms. Hampton's request for an evaluation of the Stop Sign moved from Waverly Road at Glenside Avenue to Glenside Avenue at North Avenue. Chief Norris reviewed the various evaluating measures the Police Department utilized: traffic

counts; request to the School District to evaluate the school bus stop; interview of the family of two (2) deaf children on North Avenue; truck traffic turning from North Avenue; accident history; location of a utility pole; and speeding along Glenside Avenue. It was determined that the traffic on North Avenue has increased, and the tractor trailers that have to get to a business on Paxson Avenue are having difficulty turning, and residents have to back up and let the trucks through before proceeding to Glenside or Paxson Avenues.

Ms. Hampton addressed the meeting. She appreciated all the feedback from residents. She reviewed the history behind the relocation of the Stop Sign, which was basically due to the concerns of residents on the 100 block of Waverly Road regarding the heavy volume of traffic on their street. She met with those neighbors and admitted that she failed to meet with all the residents who would be impacted by any change, and apologized. The Police Department worked with LTAP to review the alternatives suggested by neighbors and herself along with data on traffic counts. After another meeting, there was a consensus to erect a Stop Sign at North Avenue, and she recommended a Stop Sign be erected on Glenside Avenue at North Avenue and removed from Waverly Road at Glenside Avenue and that this change be reviewed as a pilot program to be revisited and that happened. She felt that the process of moving the Stop Sign excluded residents that would be impacted. The consideration of children and pedestrians who must cross for various reasons was not considered. Ms. Hampton expressed concern for the safety of all residents in the impacted area including those on the 100 block of Waverly Road. She did not believe the Stop Sign reflects the best safety levels and interest of children in particular.

Ms. Hampton stated that the children have won her over on this issue, which she has seen run across the street to get a school bus. She rejected the idea of some that this type of issue pits neighbors against neighbors. This is an issue that can be balanced. The job of the Board is to

balance the interests of everyone. She recommended that the Stop Sign be reinstalled on Glenside Avenue at Waverly. She asked that the community give attention to the work of Transition Town Cheltenham that is a grass roots organization working on issues of pedestrian crossings, bicycle paths, and other alternative transportation and to the Sustainability Committee that is working in trying to make the Township more sustainable for everyone to reduce automobile traffic, increase safety for children, and a better way of life. Ms. Hampton stated that she cannot agree with everyone but respects their opinions and concerns and hopes that they can understand what is of concern to her.

Mr. Sharkey stated that this is a difficult situation. Traffic concerns are a daily problem, and there is no easy solution. Neighbors need to respect not just their neighborhood but all neighborhoods that they drive through.

There were public comments:

Bridget Chadwick, 100 block of Waverly Road, saw young boys struggling to cross the road.

Kaye Gallagher, 2 Waverly Road, thanked Ms. Hampton for acknowledging her error and felt there were more problems ever since the Stop Sign was moved.

John Washington, 808 E. Glenside Avenue, stated that he has spent 23-years in law enforcement and is a national expert in bike commuting and bike control issues; the Stop Sign at North Avenue is a disaster waiting to happen; there are a lot of children in this area, and he was concerned about a child being struck; tractor trailers now have to come up on the sidewalk, and his curb and landscaping were damaged; students at the bus stop at Waverly Road and Glenside Avenue is an issue; and the Stop Sign needs to be removed and reinstalled back to where it was.

Robert Zygal, 721 Paxson Avenue, suggested the Stop Sign remain and another installed at the intersection of Waverly Road and Glenside Avenue. Chief Norris was not certain this would meet PennDOT's criteria for distance between Stop Signs.

Ted Bahner, 801 E. Glenside Avenue, stated that he originally put out the idea of a Stop Sign at Waverly Road and Glenside Avenue, and after a traffic study, and given the closeness of homes to the intersection, a decision was made at that time based on safety.

Lisa Terry, 120 Waverly Road, stated that there are now less cars on Waverly Road; this matter should be given more time and discussion because a lot of people spent a lot of time on the matter; speeding on Glenside Avenue is a major issue; and two (2) Stop Signs are needed. Ms. Hampton responded that she agreed to disagree with Ms. Terry and that the decision was hastily made; and the safety of children who wait at the school bus stop is important, and she wants the change. Ms. Terry suggested a Stop Sign at South Avenue or at Hewett Road.

Adam Millis, 809 E. Glenside Avenue, felt speeding needed to be addressed and the speed limit be lowered. Mr. Sharkey stated that the speed limit on Glenside Avenue is 25 mph. Mr. McKeown stated that legally the speed limit cannot go below 25 mph.

Jay Ketter, 512 Glenside Avenue, stated that his car was struck; he has difficulty coming out of his driveway and crossing the street; the Stop Sign should be moved to Waverly Road or to Hewett Road; he wants two (2) Stop Signs.

Steve Reimer, 508 Glenside Avenue, felt that traffic calming measures were needed; the police can only do so much; he suggested turns be limited from Glenside Avenue onto Waverly Road.

One resident asked about speed bumps similar to those in Jenkintown Borough. Mr. Sharkey responded that he has spoken with members of the Jenkintown Police Department and Borough officials who dislike them and would like to eliminate them. They have created issues such as driver rage and kids using them for skateboarding. Mr. Sharkey stated that a change in one neighborhood almost always impacts another neighborhood. It can be a difficult issue.

Mr. Swavola asked about using two (2) Stop Signs at intersections in close proximity and if there were any ideas regarding making it more pedestrian friendly in the vicinity of the Jenkintown/Wyncote train station. Chief Norris stated that two (2) stop signs close together can increase speed and Chief Norris did not recommend additional Stop Signs. It was his opinion that they actually increase speeding. Speeding is a problem throughout all the counties. Every Police Department has speeding issues. It has become a greater issue than crime. He recommended enforcement. Chief Norris responded that he would have to review PennDOT's regulations regarding the distance between Stop Signs to follow-up on suggestions for two (2) Stop Signs. If the Township ignores PennDOT's criteria, it becomes a liability issue. He has

discussed this with the Township Solicitor. The area is difficult for pedestrians since it is not very wide, and this makes it difficult to erect any pedestrian safety measures.

Mr. Simon asked about Stop Signs at North and at South Avenue. Chief Norris responded that it could be difficult for motorists to stop in icy and snowy weather. Even if it was well salted, icy patches accumulate, and it will be difficult for motorists to stop.

There was a public comment:

Judith Gratz, 510 E. Glenside Avenue, stated that speeding has increased; a lot of Township vehicles speed on Glenside Avenue, and supervisors should be aware of this and tell employees to set the pace and abide by the speed limit.

3. Upon motion of Ms. Hampton, 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" to include the removal of the "Stop Sign" on Glenside Avenue at North Avenue and installment of the Stop Sign on Waverly Road at Glenside Avenue (see attached).

4. Chief Norris announced a Safety Net Program from the LoJack Company that will soon be available to residents for a monthly fee. This program is a locator system tailored to individuals suffering from dementia, Alzheimer's, autistic children and other similar illnesses. The person is given a wrist band with a transmitter in it, and they can be tracked within five (5) to seven (7) miles.

5. Mr. McKeown asked the Police Department to investigate erecting a pedestrian crossing at Beecher and Central Avenue. Chief Norris stated that he is aware of this, and PennDOT will be asked to investigate it.

6. 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 August, 2011 were accepted.

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

8. Upon motion of Mr. Mr. Haywood, and unanimously approved by the Committee, the Report of the EMS Director for the month of September, 2011 was accepted.

9. Under New Business:

Mr. Sharkey asked that the Township submit a written request to PADEP for a strobe light at the Glenside Pump Station. He also asked that Emergency Management provide a brochure/information regarding what measures residents can take if their properties get flooded.

10. Under Citizens' Forum:

Asteria Vives, 7326 Sycamore Avenue, was concerned about speeding on her street. She asked for a speed monitor and for Sycamore to be a one-way street going towards Cheltenham Avenue due to speeding motorists coming off of Cheltenham Avenue onto Sycamore Avenue where two (2) cars cannot pass each other. She was advised to contact the Chief of Police for further review and investigation of her concerns.

A resident from the 100 block of Waverly Road, stated there were issues to be addressed, i.e. the curve on Glenside Avenue near Greenwood Avenue where cars are crossing the center median; lack of visibility and a backlog of cars.

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



David G. Krzywik  
Township Manager

as per Anna Marie Felix

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:

GLENSIDE AVENUE (36) STOP STREET at North Avenue.

MANOR ROAD (4) HANDICAPPED PARKING at 8220.

**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:

GLENSIDE AVENUE (36) STOP STREET at Waverly Road.

WAVERLY ROAD (23) NO PARKING, north side, Keswick Avenue to Easton Road.

**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 **19th day of October, A.D., 2011.**

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
TOWNSHIP OF CHELTENHAM

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Harvey Portner, President

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
David G. Kraynik, Secretary



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**Public Safety Committee, 7:45 p.m.**  
**Building and Zoning Committee, 8:00 p.m.**  
**Wednesday, October 5, 2011**  
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