**TRAFFIC AND SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Meeting Minutes**

July 2, 2019

Present: Paul Odenwelder, Gordon Stuss, Eva Mesicek, Lisa Duke-Lees, Janet Horst, Jennifer Scarpatti, Shawn Bennett, Gil Benitez

1. Minutes of April 16th meeting appro*v*ed

2. Welcome to new BOE liaison Jennifer Scarpatti

3. Chief Bennett discussed new mobile sign to be arriving shortly: solar powered message board and speed indicator on trailer. Can record traffic data, display messages, radar sign. To be used on busier streets.

4. Old Business:

    a. NJDOT Morris Ave sidewalk grant planned for 2020

    b. Waiting for traffic study on Waterview Whole Foods

    c. Chief Bennett researched integrating speed limits into GPS maps.Shouldbe able to update.

5.

 a. $1100 left in annual budget. Crosswalk signs are $400 each.

 Flashing traffic signs are about $3000 each. Discussion of

 which would be most helpful signage and partnering with MLEF

 and H&SA for additional funds.

 b. Review of letters from Kenilworth residents and Wildwood

 Traffic Report from County Engineer Any traffic pattern and

 speed limit changes need to be passed by Borough Council.

 Borough Manager would like impartial recommendations from

 TSC. More data and analysis is needed before changes are

 made. Referendum construction will also be impacting traffic

 patterns.

    c. Issues*/*solutions discussed:

1. Engineer said lack of parking is the problem, suggested one-way traffic on Glen Road flowing from Briarcliff intersection with diagonal parking on side of street opposite the school. At which cross street would one-way traffic stop: Kenilworth, Hanover, Melrose, or Boulevard? Kenilworth already unsafe due to cars parking on

             sidewalk and crosswalk and lining up for pick-up.

1. Sgt. Benitez said eliminating left hand turns out of front

 circle helps to eliminate gridlock. Problem is at all schools.

iii. Parents park or stop illegally which makes it unsafe for children to get in and out of cars. Parents and children cross Glen Road illegally, causing unsafe conditions. More families can utilize early drop-off between 8:00 and 8:20 to avoid morning congestion and arrive after 3:00 to avoid afternoon traffic. Possibly use incentive programs for walking, biking, early drop-off? Institute more "kiss and go" spots where kids can cross safely.

iv. Some drivers just don't observe rules. Some ignore police,

 crossing guards, signs. Tough to enforce. Should school

 speed limits be lowered to 15mph? Can more speed

 bumps be added on Glen? Involve more school personnel

 during drop-off and pick-up?

6. Still need High School liaison for 2019*/*2020

7. Public Comments: Jack Renahan and Jim Bailey involved in

   Wildwoo*d/*Kenilworth discussion above. Have shared concerns with

   school administrations and Borough Council about unsafe

 conditions with children walking and biking on Kenilworth and

 Beechway including illegal parking and going against traffic

 patterns.

8. Meeting planned for July 30th to further discuss recommendations

 for Borough Council.