**Traffic and Safety Committee Minutes**

**July 30, 2019**

Present: Gordon Stuss-Chair, Lauren Brickner-McDonald, Lisa Duke-Lees, Eva Mesicek, Paul Odenwelder, Chief Shawn Bennett,

Janet Horst - Council liaison.

1. Minutes of July 2, 2019 meeting not available.

2. TSC 2019 budget for $1,600 approved. $500 spent on bike rodeo.

Remaining $1,100 will go towards purchase of three pedestrian crosswalk signs and one 25 mph speed limit sign.

3. Discussion of the recommendations of TSC Committee to the Borough Council regarding the traffic congestion by Wildwood school at dismissal time. This is ongoing issue over the years and the ML police department is making every effort to move the traffic at the pick up time as smoothly as possible.

4. The Morris County Traffic Engineer, Debra Dellagiacoma, was invited to observe the situation and give us recommendations.

Summary of the engineer’s recommendations:

• Additional pick up line on Kenilworth

• Offer parking and pick up map to parents

• Convert Glen Rd to one-way. Allow limited parking on Kenilworth

• Prevent left turns out of school

• LED flashing crosswalk sign

• Relocate Kenilworth Rd fence

 Chief Shawn Bennett supports these recommendations.

5. TSC members discussed the above points in detail.

• Possibly moving the fence on Kenilworth to streamline the sidewalk. May be creating a few parking spots.

• Possibility of adding a drop off area on Kenilworth and allow limited parking. Explore changing parallel parking to diagonal on Glen Rd, which would add extra spots. If Glen is one-way between Briarcliff and Kenilworth there would be enough room. Recommendation to consult with town engineer to estimate how many spaces we would be gained. Also need to keep in mind the effect on traffic flow when cars pulling out of diagonal spaces.

• Currently there are two crosswalks on Glen Rd. - What would be the impact if changed to only one?

• Consider how the Glen Rd changes would affect Briarcliff School traffic.

• Encourage the school administration to take more initiative in controlling school dismissal procedures. Give out maps and other information on pick up rules.

• Other suggestion by member was to stagger pick-up times. That has to be dealt by the Board of Ed.

Before presenting the recommendations to the Borough Council, the committee has decided first:

 a. to pose more questions to the county engineer;

 b. to collect data on the number of cars passing by the school.

 (Lauren had the statistics from earlier survey);

 c. for the TSC members go to observe the pick up situation in

 person;

 d. meet with board of Ed to discuss the traffic issues..

Chief Bennett will inform the council at their next meeting that our committee needs more questions to be answered before making final recommendations

6. The police department has plans in place for school opening in September.

7. Halloween plans were addressed.

Next meeting:- Tuesday, October 15, 2019, 5:30 PM, Borough Hall