

Traffic and Safety Committee Minutes of June 15, 2021

Attendees: Chair Gordon Stuss, Chief Shawn Bennett, BOE Liaison Jen Scarpati, Councilwoman Audrey Lane, Lauren Brickner-McDonald, Eva Mesicek, Green Team Chair Janet Horst.

Opening Remarks:

Minutes were approved from April 20, 2021 meeting; Shaun Oliver new member introduction and welcome.

Chief's Report:

- A successful 'Bike to School' event was held June 15, 2021. In attendance: the Band, MLPD, children and parents.
- Discussion at Boro Meeting included potential for two sidewalk grants: Sherwood to Yorke will be re-evaluated, and the Lake Arrowhead area.

Green Team:

Janet Horst, Chair of the Green Team (GT) presented an overview of the Green Team, including their mission and goals. The GT is a subcommittee of the Environmental Commission. Every three years the GT would like the residents to be aware of 'Sustainable NJ' goals for the Borough. In 2014 the town received the Bronze Certification. To accomplish the goals many entities, besides the Green Team, are involved: the Boro staff, MLPD, Boro committees, DPW, and residents. The Sustainable Jersey website provides further information. TSC can review the site for future involvement in assisting Mtn Lakes achieve Sustainable NJ goals.

Old Business/New Business:

- Morris Avenue: Chief Bennett and Lisa Duke-Lees observed potential for 'Welcome to ML' signs at main entrances, additional Stop signs, and speed limit signs along Morris Ave.

TSC discussed the overall ML tendency to do less signage, with keeping safety of residents in mind. Gordon will contact Lisa as a followup to this discussion. A presentation will be made to the Council with TSC recommendations.

- Bike Rodeo: Chief reviewed his discussion with Sgt. Benitez concerning the timing for planning the Rodeo. Due to COVID19 there have been restrictions which were not lifted in time during the school year to hold a Bike Rodeo. There might be two Rodeos in the next school year or possibly a rodeo this summer through the Rec Program/MLPD connections. TSC has budgeted \$500 towards the Bike Rodeo program.
- Budget: Pop-up speed limit signs will be purchased from the TSC budget. Chief will secure a source for purchasing and order signs by the end of 2021.
- Summer Inspections: Lauren reviewed highlights of our town inspections during the seasons. Shaun Oliver will cover Paul Odenwelder's previous territory. Gordon will provide map. Audrey will followup to see if the DPW is connecting with resident requests for town maintenance needs.

Line Painting: Audrey has not heard a response from Boro Manager concerning repainting the faded lines at crosswalks, in particular: walk to school routes, Powerville Rd., Boulevard and Briarcliff Road.

Next meeting:

Location to be determined; possibly in the ML library or a school.

Date: October 19, 2021 at 5:30pm

Respectfully submitted: Lauren Brickner-McDonald