



**NOTES**  
**SPECIAL PARK ROAD INFORMATION MEETING**  
**JUNE 23, 2015**

Chairman Anderson convened a special information meeting for the benefit of Park Road area residents to discuss future traffic configurations in the neighborhood. He thanked everyone in attendance, and commenced the meeting by asking the Township Engineer, Tom Gockowski, to give a preview of all the studied options. He started his presentation by giving a brief history of all the traffic issues. He gave a brief history over the traffic issues at Park Road. He then presented three (3) options:

- Park Road Option 1. Restricting right turn lanes onto Park Road during Peak Traffic.
- Park Road Option 2. Same as #1 above, but includes the installation of a channelizing island.
- Park Road Option 3. This involves a cul-de-sac to be constructed at Park's eastern side which abuts Easton Road. Business patrons may still access the Spognardi commercial building from Easton Road.

In conclusion Mr. Gockowski stated that all of the above options could be supplemented with various traffic calming measures.

Following Mr. Gockowski's presentation, Mr. Anderson invited comments from the public, all of which are briefly summarized below.

- Jeff Bigelow (2470 Park Road). He stated that he's been a resident of Park Road for over 20 years and has notice more cut-through traffic since CB South and the Spognardi real estate building opened. He said a recent neighborhood survey showed that 90% of the residents supported Option #3.
- Mike McMenemy (2426 Bristol). He stated that he tested the timings of the various options and found the inconvenience to be no more than 58 second.
- Ben (- Busick (2539 Park Road). He complained that travelers often ignore the speed restrictions and that it is dangerous to cross the street to get to other neighborhood homes.
- Rose Busick (2539 Park Road). She supports Option #3.
- ( Doris Adkins ) 2455 Park Road. She voiced opposition to Option #3, stating that it would be an extreme hardship to do the extra driving. She said there has to be a better way than a cul-de-sac. She stated she has no problems with the traffic.
- Al Pastore (2434 Park Road). He thanked the BOS for encouraging this meeting. He stated that he understands that change and progress happens, but he asked that some consideration be given to their quality of life. He stated that when the Spognardi building went in, the residents were misled about its original uses. He now notices increased car stacking and air pollution.
- 1356 School Lane (Frank Peranteau). Mr. Peranteau stated that as a Warrington police officer, he knows that every street in town has speeders and that he's written numerous citations. He also said he has an accurate eye on what traffic control measures work and which ones don't. He stated that Options 1 & 2 will never work and that such measures never worked on Kansas. He said he has three kids that he doesn't let walk outside because of speeders. He suggested tackling one problem at a time, focusing first on School and Park Roads first.
- Carol Pastore (2434 Park Road). She appreciated all three (3) options but does not believe Options 1 & 2 will work. She said safety must trump convenience.

- Kevin Reilly (2445 Park Road). Mr. Riley suggested a 4<sup>th</sup> option, to shut-off Park Road totally to through traffic.
- Mark Bartow (2488 Park Road). He stated that his neighbors have lived with these traffic issues for many years. He's concerned that the new 611 light will only increase the traffic on Park Road significantly. He asked whether these are the only options? Mr. Anderson responded in the negative, stating that the Board is open to all suggestions.
- Attorney John Van Luvanee was in attendance, representing the Spognardi development. He said his client has major reservations against the cul-de-sac option and that before the BOS takes any final action, it should undertake an objective traffic analysis to identify the true impact of the loop road project before settling on any option. Mr. Anderson stated the developer is undertaking these studies, and they will be made available when complete.
- Craig Busick (2539 Park Road). He does not believe additional signage would be helpful. He stated that he prefers option #3.
- Rod Moyer (1246 School Lane). He claims the existing speed humps only encourage additional speeding. He cited an example where he had to dive into a ditch when walking his dog. He does not believe existing signage will help.
- Charles Rueger (1279 School Lane). He expressed concern over Option #2, that it might result in more traffic on School Lane.
- Emily Frey (1276 School Lane). She stated that are many small children who live on Park and School Roads whose safety needs to be a top priority.
- Sara Peranteau (1356 School Lane). She prefers Option #3.
- Eileen Mitchell (1349 School Lane). She prefers Option #3.
- Frank Campbell (1335 School Lane). He is vehemently opposed to Options 1-2. He said current speed humps need improvements.
- Ed Wolff (100 Fiddle Leaf Lane -). He stated that Park Road is built on an inadequate base. He said excessive traffic will only further degrade the road and as such there will be a cost involved. He stated that he prefers Option #3. He also added that all of the east-west roads in Warrington are a disaster and need attention, especially Easton Road. He emphasized these infrastructure issues should not be look at in isolation.
- - Sandra Gerger(2546 Park Road)...-She - stated that there's a blind man with a white cane who frequents Park Road on Sunday mornings, whose life is in danger.
- Harry McGee (00 Evodia Circle) He expressed concerns over the traffic impact of the new 4-story nursing home planned near the 611/Bristol intersection-
- Mary Roth (2532 Pickertown Road). She stated that she's lived on Pickertown Road for 39 years and that while she sympathizes with her Park Road neighbors, she says any traffic solution needs to take into consideration all neighbors along Pickertown Road as well. She indicated that she often has a hard time getting outside her driveway.
- Millie Seliga (934 Longwood Court). She stated that she's in favor of Option #3. She said also that she's lived in Warrington Township for fifteen (15) years and has observed several traffic issues throughout the township, which she attributes to all of the developments currently underway. She

asserted that Township officials have been shortsighted about the impact of these developments. She called for a halt to all of these pending developments until such time that the Comprehensive Plan Update is completed.

- Donna Sempowski (2841 Bristol Road). She encouraged Township officials to think outside the box and explore another exit for Forest Ridge.
- Marilyn Emery -(100 Beech Boulevard Unit 102). She stated she's been a resident of Forest Ridge for ten (10) years and thought that Warrington Township is a nice place. She stated her difficulty in exiting onto Bristol Road and doesn't understand why there's so much building occurring in the Township.
- Ralph Longello (100 Evodia Circle Unit 303) Forest Ridge spokesperson). He stated there was always supposed to be a secondary exit out of Forest Ridge. He expressed a concern that if there were ever a serious emergency, many of the developments residents would be stuck.

There being no further comments, Mr. Anderson thanked everyone for all their comments and suggestions. He did take a moment to clarify a few items that were raised:

- He stated that he is a resident of Forest Ridge and believes there is some misinformation out there regarding the issue surrounding the second exit. Having researched the Township records, a secondary exit was never in the original plan, in part because there were alluvial soils preventing this second exit. He would welcome the opportunity to meet with anyone to discuss their concerns further.
- He stated the Quarry expansion issue is a very conceptual idea that would require several public hearings before the BOS would ever consider entertaining a land swap in exchange for additional parkland.
- Regarding Bristol Road, he stated that the BOS is researching several options to improve the 611/Bristol Road intersection, which he agrees is unquestionably the worst intersection in Warrington. He said part of the problem involves an inoperable closed-loop system which when in full operation, should help the timing of the traffic at this intersection and throughout the Easton Road Corridor. He also stated that there is a major redevelopment initiative underway as part of the new Loop Road Project that will add additional stacking lanes at the Bristol/611 intersection which when fully implemented, will mitigate traffic congestion during peak periods.
- He stated the Township will investigate the alleged site distance issues at Mill Creek and Route 152.

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business Mr. Anderson adjourned the special information meeting at 7:35 p.m. The Board's regular meeting agenda commenced after a short recess.

Respectfully Submitted By:



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