

February 9, 2017

TO: Lisa Moore, Kennett Township Manager
Safety Committee Members

FROM: Bill Shelton, Chair, Safety Committee

MINUTES OF THE 1-11-2017
SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

In attendance were members Dennis Bisson, Jeff Hammaker, Al Manwaring, Police Chief Lydell Nolt, and Bill Shelton.

The Township's Organizational Meeting was held on 1-3-2017. Bill Shelton made a brief presentation on the Safety Committee's activities for 2016. It was announced that Kennett Township was the safest municipality in Pennsylvania, as determined by the web site Safewise using 2014 major crime data. This was further buttressed by the niche.com web site that found Kennett Township to be, in 2016, the best place to retire in Pennsylvania (1 out of 894), the safest place in Pennsylvania (1 out of 524) and the safest suburb in Pennsylvania (1 out of 357).

Chief Nolt described a Crime Watch presentation made to the Supervisors. This system would allow instant communication of a safety or emergency matter to the general public, and also allow the retrieval of sensitive data once its usefulness had ended. Chief Nolt is pursuing funding sources to provide this service to the Township. It is believed that if Kennett Township's leading role in this is successful, the County may provide funding to all County municipalities and broaden its effectiveness.

Chief Nolt advised us of 2 Public Safety Forums, on 2-14-2017 and 2-21-2017, to engage the public in specific crime matters that may be important to residents. These are public forums and all are invited.

Chief Nolt advised us on the status of adopting body cameras for use by the police force. This is still under study.

Al discussed an event at Unionville High School involving intoxicated students. (UHS is not in our jurisdiction.) Al also discussed the lighting and security issues at the new remote parking lot for Longwood Garden.

Dennis reminded us that Longwood Fire Company has a water pumping service for filling swimming pools. It's a win-win in that the filling rates are less than competitive companies charge, and the Fire Company volunteers practice pumping and delivering fire water.

The meeting was adjourned.

These Meeting Minutes were approved by the Safety Committee on February 8, 2017.

Bill Shelton, Chair