

MINUTES OF THE KENNETT TOWNSHIP SAFETY COMMITTEE
801 Burrows Run Road, Chadds Ford, PA 19317

January 8, 2020
7:00 PM

The Committee met on the above date at the Kennett Township Office. Attending were Committee members Gus Teipelke, Sgt. Matt Gordon, Rick Farquhar, Al Manwaring, Ted Trevorrow, Jeff Hammaker, Jeff Whittle and Kennett Township Manager Eden Ratliff. Dennis Bison and Bill Shelton are no longer on the Committee.

Gus Teipelke called the meeting to order at 7 pm. The Agenda for this meeting and the minutes of the meeting of December 11, 2019, were approved.

Old Business

The issue of Bayard Road traffic calming was discussed. It is at a standstill now because of lack of funding for further action. This matter should stay on the Agenda.

New Business

There was a discussion about the Kennett Gateway project and this led to a further discussion of the mission of the Committee as it relates to subdivision approvals. Eden Ratliff indicated that there were ongoing Township discussions about the role of committees, and other related organizational issues. It seems the Committee may not be expected to play a role in the subdivision approval process, unless requested. Mr. Ratliff indicated the Committee might consider the Township's policing model and strategy and provide guidance on what crime related issues are important to the Township residents. Emergency operations planning is also an area of concern. Sgt. Gordon also indicated that emergency services are very important. The bottom line here appears to be that a continuing review of how this Committee can help the Township is going to be necessary.

Sgt. Gordon stated that the Code Enforcement Officer, presently Diane Hicks, is responsible for inspecting Township buildings for safety issues, and the Committee does not need to make these inspections.

Sgt. Gordon indicated that someone making an emergency call to 911 on a cell phone can be located by those receiving the call. And police are able to do "reverse" 911 calls to residents in an area.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Jeff Whittle, Secretary