

**SUMMIT TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS**

**Public Hearing**

**APRIL 2, 2018**

Chairperson Lee called a public hearing of the Board of Supervisors to order at 6:00 p.m. followed by the salute to the flag. Supervisors Welka and Davis were present, as were, Solicitor Christopher Sennett, Zoning Officer Miller, Engineer Jonas, Secretary Yeast, and eleven interested persons.

CALL TO ORDER

Engineer Jonas explained that the traffic volumes at the intersection of Johnson Road and Cherry Street Extension do not warrant an all-way stop. Since Cherry Street Extension is the primary roadway with Johnson Road as secondary, a standard T-Intersection would be the recommended configuration. Sight distances were measured and confirmed as sufficient. Engineer Jonas presented a drawing and described the signage required to direct and warn traffic of a changing traffic flow.

PURPOSE OF HEARING:  
Change to Stop Sign Intersection at Cherry St. Ext. and Johnson Road

Kevin Ingraham, 8905 Honeysuckle Drive, expressed concern that no one will pay attention to lines painted on the road surface. He further opposes the removal of the stop sign on Cherry St. Ext. at this intersection citing safety concerns that the northbound traffic on Cherry St. is at risk of hitting a southbound vehicle turning onto Johnson Road. Mr. Ingraham also mentioned the all-way stop intersection at Johnson Road/Old French Road as a comparison.

PUBLIC INPUT

Supervisor Lee explained that options to improve this particular intersection were prompted by numerous complaints regarding sight issues at the stop sign on Cherry St. Extension.

Larry Jones, 2540 Laurie Drive, opposes the removal of the stop sign at this intersection.

Tom Greene, 8553 Dundee Road, expressed opposition to the removal of the stop sign.

Ken Mattern, 129 Frank Avenue, also opposes the removal of the stop sign, citing the expectation that it will encourage higher speed on Cherry St. Extension. Mr. Mattern further expressed concern that painting lines on Johnson Road will not effectively channel vehicles. He suggested instead removing the wide berm entirely.

Supervisor Davis stated that the intent for changing this intersection is to provide safe direction to the responsible drivers.

Downia Glass, 9242 Old French Road, supports the removal of this stop sign. Currently stopping at this intersection proves to be a hazard due to the sight distance at the stop sign. Having the right-of-way removes the sight hazard. Ms. Glass further stated that the traveling public will "get used to it".

Zoning Officer Miller confirmed that the sight distance is not an issue for the southbound traffic whether turning onto Johnson Road or continuing south. He also stated that drivers are more familiar with a standard T-intersection configuration, which should help reduce confusion once the stop sign is removed.

Engineer Jonas also confirmed that traffic volumes do not warrant an all-way stop intersection, explaining that if the intersection is changed to an all-way stop without the volume warrants being met, most likely cars will ignore the stop signs leading to more confusion/frustration at the intersection.

Supervisor Welka expressed his opinion that northbound traffic stopping on Cherry St. Ext. is more dangerous than having the right-of-way.

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Jim Chojnacki, 9481 Old French Road, opposes the removal of the stop sign on Cherry St. Ext.

Laban Marsh, 2231 Dorn Road, supports the removal. The southbound traffic has the visibility, and should yield to on-coming traffic prior to turning onto Johnson Road.

Supervisor Lee further explained that the landscape has drastically changed in the years since this particular stop sign was installed. Pine trees have been removed and trimmed improving the Sight distance.

Jen Welka, 10160 Tiger Lily Lane asked if it is possible to narrow Johnson Road at the intersection rather than painting lines in the channelization lane. Supervisor Welka responded, yes the Board will consider that option also.

With no further input from the public, Chairman Lee closed the hearing at 6:37 p.m.

HEARING CLOSED

Respectfully submitted,

Christene S. Yeast  
Recording Secretary  
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