

## RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

### Minutes of the Public Meeting of the Trustees of Sycamore Township Sycamore Township, Hamilton County, Ohio

March 21, 2023

Present for the public meeting regarding the Kenwood Traffic Study were Chairman Schwegmann, Vice Chairman Weidman, Trustee James, Law Director Barbieri, Administrator Kellums, Superintendent Reutelshofer, and Planning & Zoning Administrator Uckotter.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Schwegmann. Ms. Schwegmann introduced Ed Williams, of TEC Engineering, the firm that conducted the study,

Ed Williams, Vice President of TEC Engineering, 7288 Central Parke Boulevard, Mason, OH, 45040 addressed the Board. Mr. Williams noted there were hard copy comment sheets at the meeting for members of the public to complete, as well as an online survey option. Mr. Williams described his credentials and experience. He then proceeded to explain how the study was conducted. He pointed out that the public meeting was part of the process, allowing for an opportunity to discuss the issues and potential solutions and to hear from the public to understand their thoughts about the solutions or other potential solutions.

Mr. Williams first discussed the Kenwood Road median that was constructed ten years prior, reporting that a crash analysis found that the median has reduced car crashes by over 50 percent for that section of Kenwood Road. He then reviewed specific recommendations for South Kenwood, Kenwood Towne Center Parking, and Montgomery and Kenwood Roads intersection.

Mr. Williams reported the recommendation for South Kenwood is a roundabout at Kenwood and I-71 to provide for a U-turn location for the area of Kenwood Road with the median, improve the intersection and make a nice gateway to the area.

Mr. Williams reported the recommendation for Kenwood Towne Center Parking to reduce gridlock caused by multiple entrances and intersections is to increase the distance to the decision point so that drivers coming from the Kenwood Road intersections can get into the mall.

Mr. Williams reported on the difficulty at the Montgomery and Kenwood Roads intersection in trying to get such a large number of cars through the intersection. He stated the issues are crashes, the close proximity of the Orchard Lane traffic signal, driveways on the west side of Kenwood, backup caused by the bus stop on Montgomery Road, and the short stacking for the left turn lane that backs up to Orchard Lane. Mr. Williams described the possible ways to improve the intersection, including the addition of north and southbound right turn lanes.

Mr. Williams noted that the location of the Orchard Lane intersection and the driveways on the west side of Kenwood Road do not meet current access management standards. He stated the southbound turn lane needs to be longer and something must be done about the bus stop. Mr. Williams said something needs to be done with the traffic signal at Orchard Lane, such as relocation of the signal, access restrictions, or the possibility to provide a different type of access from Township owned

properties on Montgomery Road. He showed a rendering of a possible access through Township owned vacant properties.

Mr. Williams reported on possible grants that could be pursued to pay for improvements to Kenwood Road, Kenwood Towne Center Parking and the Montgomery and Kenwood Roads intersection. He encouraged the public to complete the online survey. A member of the public requested the survey be mailed for the benefit of those who are not computer savvy.

The following members of the public signed in to speak:

Joe Trauth, representing Donath Plastic Surgery  
Gregg Pancero, of Trio/Jos. Bank Center  
Tom Tepe, representing Trio/Jos. Bank Center  
Harry Goldstein, 4720 Orchard  
Alex Donath, Donath Plastic Surgery 7763 Montgomery Road  
George Ten Eyck, 8616 Sturbridge Drive  
Susan Stone, 7764 Styrax Lane  
John Blackistan, no address provided  
Tracy Hughes, 4705 Duneden Avenue  
Cheryl Bonyng, 4622 Largo Drive  
Becky Ganis, 4687 Largo Drive  
Tom Mazza, Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), Mason, OH  
Dorinda Gunther, 4697 Orchard Lane  
Carol Martini, 8098 Merrymaker Lane  
Mark Rippe, 8450 New England Court  
Mary Anne Lucas, 4087 Belfast Avenue  
Viardell Wilcox, 6600 Tylersville Road  
Dr. Paul Sohi, 7292 Kenwood Road  
Kathleen Kuznicza, no address provided  
Jeff Newby, Hamilton County Traffic Engineer

Some of the concerns raised / suggestions made by residents were as follows:

- Request to have survey mailed to residents/property owners
- Neighborhood traffic
- Emergency response
- Pedestrian traffic at Orchard and Kenwood
- Right in / right out at Orchard instead of closing
- Starbucks driveway backup
- Representative of Good Shepherd Church wants traffic light to remain at Orchard Lane; concerned about access to lot shared with Jos. Bank Center
- Orchard Lane getting blocked by traffic on Kenwood Road; need for turn lane at Orchard
- Trio parking lot traffic blocking Kenwood Road
- Speed on Styrax/Largo due to cars bypassing Kenwood Road due to traffic
- EMS access to Orchard Lane
- Mr. Pancero addressed access concerns for Trio/Jos. Bank Center; stated there are ways to keep the traffic light at Kenwood and Orchard
- Representative of BP gas station concerned about ingress/egress

Ms. Schwegmann thanked all those in attendance for being present to comment on the study and encouraged them to respond to the survey.

Mr. Kellums added that completing the survey incorporates it into the study and everyone is asked to complete it even those who made comments in person at the meeting.

The public meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.



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Tracy Schwegmann, Chairman



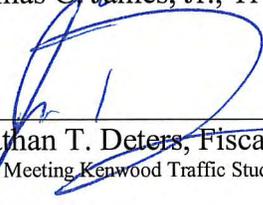
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Thomas J. Weidman, Vice Chairman



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Thomas C. James, Jr., Trustee



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Jonathan T. Deters, Fiscal Officer  
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