The October 2012 meeting of the Traffic Safety Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on October 3, 2012.

Larry Hunter opened the meeting with a review of the September 2012 minutes. A motion was made by Joseph Sexton, seconded by Russell Stoll, to approve the September 5, 2012 minutes, approved 7-0.

Larry Hunter chaired the meeting. Also present were Vice Chairman Joseph Sexton, Duncan Black, Gary Palumbo, Daniel Ulatowski, Russell Stoll, and Thomas Wik. Also present Scott Marshall of the Planning Department, Joseph Frese of the Building Department, Al Spoth from the Highway Department, Captain Patrick McKenna from the Police Department, Deputy Supervisor Guy Marlette of the Town Board, and Christopher Schregel, Traffic Safety Coordinator/Engineering Liaison. Guest list is on record in the Engineering Department.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Woodbury Drive – Informal Public Hearing to review on-street parking. The following persons addressed the Amherst Traffic Safety Board during the public comment period:
   a. Jeanne Rimar, 42 Woodbury Dr. – Curve on Woodbury Dr., potential for accidents, and student parking will impact property value.
   b. Dolores Klonowski, 214 Getzville Rd. – Contacted Safety Coordinator about student parking on both sides of Woodbury Dr. last April and the issue was not yet resolved.
   c. Paul Steimle, 142 Woodbury Dr. – Supports no parking on both sides of Woodbury Dr.
   d. Jay Bret, 212 Woodbury Dr. – Supports no parking on both sides of Woodbury Dr.
   e. Sally Quinlan, 18 Wayside Ct. – Curve concerns and parking concerns on Woodbury Dr.
   f. Patti Harris, 25 Ivy Green Ct. – Supports no parking on both sides of Woodbury Dr. and both of the courts but feels it is not a solution because a resident can’t park in front of their home. Cites safety issues and blocked fire hydrants and supports adequate parking for the college students on-campus.
   g. Ray Bergenstock, 86 Woodbury Dr. – Has trouble see entering / exiting his driveway when vehicles are parked on Woodbury Dr.
   h. Barbara Simmons, 121 Woodbury Dr. – Will not be able to enter / exit her driveway, negatively impacts guest parking, and Daemen College should deter students from parking off campus.
i. Edwin Clausen, President of Daemen College – Asks that a hasty decision not take place. He promises a 5 year plan. Daemen College wants to come up with a mutual solution and desires to work together with both Town and residents to establish a cooperative atmosphere where a workable solution can be achieved.

j. Robert Beiswanger, Vice President for Business Affairs – Daemen College does not charge students to park and has a contract to purchase the YMCA in January, 2013 where 61 parking spaces will be included. The three homes on Getzville Road are being used by the Sisters of St. Francis and the maintenance building is also located on Getzville Road. Daemen College leases 30 parking spaces from Amherst High School and 20 parking spaces from Campus Manor Apartments. The front lawn is the only green space students have for athletic fields and is shared with People Inc. and YMCA. L. Hunter asks if any of the Getzville properties can be made into parking. Mr. Beiswanger responds that the front of the maintenance building could be a solution but it may not be the most aesthetic use in the Getzville Road neighborhood. D. Ulatowski asks Mr. Beiswanger to provide ATSB with an account of how many students have been issued parking stickers. Mr. Beiswanger states currently there are 870 parking spaces on campus (excluding the leased spaces). D. Ulatowski asks about a contractual relationship with the students when issued parking passes. Mr. Beiswanger answers that campus parking has conditions/restrictions. D. Ulatowski suggests that the contractual relationship be broaden with conditions that prevent students from parking on the street with a penalty of revoking it if not observed. Mr. Beiswanger states they have 24 hour security to try and assist the Amherst Police in the surrounding areas and Vice President for Student Affairs sends out notices asking the students to park carefully and respect the neighborhood that they are in. T. Wik asks how many additional parking spaces are still needed. Mr. Beiswanger estimates roughly 150-200 parking spaces.

*Resident submits a petition with 38 signatures requesting the Town of Amherst Traffic Safety Board and Daemen College resolve the dangerous parking on Woodbury Drive.

President Clausen states he will have a 5 year plan based on enrollment projections and existing conditions, needs of the community, and needs of the college to find a solution to these problems and will submit the plan to the Town in November 2012.

After Amherst Traffic Safety Board discussion, a motion was made by D. Ulatowski, seconded by D. Black, to request the Town Board hold a public hearing to prohibit parking on various portions of Woodbury Drive and Greenbrier Road and along all sides of Ivy Green Court and Wayside Court:

- Restriction on the south side of the south end of Woodbury Drive, the west side of Woodbury Drive, and the north side of the north end of Woodbury Drive, in its entirety, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on weekdays between September 1<sup>st</sup> to May 1<sup>st</sup>.

- Restriction on the north side of the south end of Woodbury Drive at the intersection of Getzville Road.

- Restriction on the south side of the north end of Woodbury Drive for a distance of 50 feet west of Getzville Road.
• Restriction on all sides of Ivy Green Court and Wayside Court during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on weekdays between September 1st to May 1st.

Approved 7-0.

A motion was then made by D. Ulatowski, seconded by D. Black, to add no parking on the curves and the intersections of Woodbury Drive and Greenbrier Road:

• Restriction along the north and east sides of Woodbury Drive along inside of the curve.
• Restriction on both sides of Greenbrier Road for a distance of 50 feet east of Getzville Road.

Approved 7-0.

L. Hunter explains to the residents that a public hearing will be set to go before the Town Board. G. Marlette states he will set two public hearings, one for Woodbury Drive and Green Brier Road and a second for the two courts, Wayside Court and Ivygreen Court.

2. Dodge Road & North Forest Road – Request to review street lighting. C. Schregel stated that Erie County has a future reconstruction project for improvements on North Forest Road. ATSB to send a letter to Erie County with recommendations that additional striping be installed at this intersection to better define the lanes and corners and to take the resident's concerns under consideration when planning and designing the reconstruction project. A motion was made by D. Ulatowski, seconded by G. Palumbo, to recommend that the Town's Highway Department pursue the installation of two street lights on opposite corners (kitty-corner) from each other, in a location determined by the Amherst Highway Department. Approved 7-0.

3. Harlem Road & Saratoga Road Intersection – Request for improved signal timing, curbing, left turn arrow, crossing guard, and “no right on red”. After review, the Amherst Traffic Safety Board is recommending that these concerns be forwarded to the NYSDOT asking for a review as the intersection is the jurisdiction of New York State. As part of this review, the Amherst Traffic Safety Board is recommending that pedestrian signal heads be installed on all legs of the intersection.

4. Hopkins Road & Dodge Road Intersection – Request for crossing guard and modification to the “no right on red” restriction. Shirley Farber, 235 Ranch Trail West addressed the Amherst Traffic Safety Board during the public comment period and reported that the nearby middle school dismisses students at 3:35 p.m. and the current right on red restriction times do not protect these younger children. In addition, Ms. Farber would like the signage to be more clear and that crossing guards be placed. C. Schregel reported that the intersection is currently being upgraded to a new signalized intersection by the Amherst Highway Department and has previously asked the Highway Department to place a "no turn on red" sign on the span wire. A motion was made by T. Wik, seconded by J. Sexton, to extend the time to 4:30 p.m. for the “no right on red” restriction northbound on Hopkins. Approved 7-0. A motion was made by G. Palumbo, seconded by J. Sexton, to request a study for crossing guards at Hopkins Road and Dodge Road. Approved 7-0.

5. North Bailey Avenue – Request to improve pedestrian crossings near Wal-Mart. Cindy Rymarczyk, 4650 North Bailey Avenue addressed the Amherst Traffic Safety Board during the public comment period asking that a safer pedestrian crossing be established across
North Bailey Avenue. She states people are crossing directly in front of her residence at the North Bailey driveway at Wal-Mart. She asks for improved painted lines at Henel Avenue and Bailey Avenue for people to cross. After discussion, ATSB will review the matter during site plan review of 3220 Sheridan Drive.

6. Tennyson Terrace & Tennyson Road – Request for stop sign and school bus ahead sign. Matthew Pace, 252 Tennyson Terrace addressed the Amherst Traffic Safety Board during the public comment period. Dr. Pace asks that the Tennyson Road and Tennyson Terrace intersection be made safer for children and parents waiting at the school bus stop. Dr. Pace reports that vehicles are traveling fast as they pass the school bus stop and there are no sidewalks. Children living down Tennyson Terrace walk to the corner bus stop. Fifteen to twenty children go up and down the street on a daily basis. In reference to the all-way stop request, C. Schregel explained that counts taken this summer for Tennyson Road indicate a volume of 78 vehicles in both directions during the peak hour and a minimum of 300 vehicles is required to meet the minimum warrant for a stop sign. In addition, C. Schregel reported that the bus stop location has sufficient sight distance which disqualifies it from having a “School Bus Stop Ahead” sign. L. Hunter requested the Highway Dept. liaison to have a tree trimmed in the northbound direction of Tennyson Terrace. After further review, ATSB is recommending that the Highway Department place an Intersection Warning Sign, Side Road Symbol (W2-2), in the northbound direction on Tennyson Terrace in advance of the Tennyson Road T-intersection. Per the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, this sign may be used in advance of an intersection to indicate the presence of an intersection and the possibility of turning or entering traffic. L. Hunter suggested that Dr. Pace write a letter to the School with his concerns and suggestions and come back to ATSB letting us know the outcome so we may provide any further assistance if necessary.


8. Safe Routes to Schools Funding Submission - A motion was made by D. Ulatowski, seconded by J. Sexton, to support the Safe Routes to School funding application the Town will be submitting. Approved 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS

A. North Forest Road between Maple Road and Sheridan Drive – Request repair shoulder and pavement markings.

B. Bicycles – Rules and regulations.

C. Alberta Drive & Amsterdam Avenue Intersection – Request for “Cross Traffic Does Not Stop” at both stop signs on Amsterdam Avenue. C. Schregel reviewed the accident reports and reported that 16 of the 17 reviewed accidents involved a failure to yield where an Amsterdam Avenue driver proceeded into the intersection. A motion was made by T. Wik, seconded by R. Stoll, to recommend that “Cross Traffic Does Not Stop” plaques (W4-4P) be placed below the existing stop signs on Amsterdam Avenue at the Alberta Drive intersection. Approved 7-0.
D. Fetto Park, 4731 Harlem Road – Review of pedestrian crossing signage and crosswalk.

E. Sundridge Drive – Request to add two new stop signs and additional parking restrictions.

F. Youngs Road and Klein Road Intersection – Request for left turn arrow northbound on Youngs Road. C. Schregel states this intersection has just been opened up. He requested to hold this item for another month and report back. Item Held.

SITE PLANS / REZONING

SUBJECT: Request to Rezone 4.94 ±Acres From OB to MFR-5
ADDRESS: 6275 Sheridan Drive and 7610 Transit Road
Z-2012-12
PETITIONER: Sheridan Meadows Residential, LLC

REZONING IS APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

1. Provide sight distance calculations for the proposed driveway #3 at Transit Road.
2. The Tennyson Road connection should be made as a gated emergency entrance only.

MINOR SITE PLAN IS NOT REVIEWABLE

1. Provide a plan with truck turning radius templates overlaid on top indicating how deliveries will be made.
2. Provide a parking lot connection with the adjacent parcel at 3186-3218 Sheridan Drive. Cross access agreements are recommended.
3. Completely close the proposed curb cut on North Bailey Avenue.
4. Provide a pedestrian walkway between the proposed retail building and the northwest corner of the North Bailey Avenue and Sheridan Drive intersection.
5. Add a right turn arrow only pavement marking at the Sheridan Drive curb cut exit lane.
SUBJECT:  Major Site Plan Review, SP-2012-06
          Proposed Office Building
          TOA Job #2012.039
ADDRESS:  1760 Wehrle Drive
PETITIONER: Zaepfel Development Co.

X  MAJOR SITE PLAN IS
X  NOT REVIEWABLE

1. Provide a Traffic Impact Study.
2. Provide pedestrian walkways, sidewalks, and crosswalks to connect the parking lot
to the office building in suitable locations.
3. Provide sidewalk connection to Wehrle Drive.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 p.m.  Next meeting is scheduled for November 7, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in
the Town Board Chambers.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher P. Schregel
Traffic Safety Coordinator

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