

Dangerous road in Amity Township to be improved

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A small section of Weavertown Road in Amity Township will soon have upgraded signage that township officials hope will prevent additional accidents.

Three accidents have occurred between Limekiln Road and Indian Run within the last six months.

None of the accidents had any fatalities. They occurred during both wet and dry weather conditions, and accident reports indicate that in two of the three incidents the drivers were unfamiliar with the area and with the curve of the road.

Township Manager Charles E. Lyon said the engineer report from LTL Consultants, LTD, Oley, indicates the section has signage and paving issues but that the 30 mile per hour speed limit is correct.

On Dec. 1, the Amity Township Board of Supervisors approved for the engineer's recommended signage changes to be implemented immediately.

The engineer's recommendation to install Super Paving and increase the size of the gradation on the north side of the road to increase skid resistance can't be implemented until next spring when the asphalt plants open.

LTL recommends that the township install new turn signs and 30 mile per hour reflectorized speed limit signs within 300 feet in advance of the curve.

"The sign[s] will provide an advanced warning to drivers of the curve ... to where the accidents are occurring," said LTL.

Four new chevron alignment signs will be placed around the outside of the curve to the left and new cross road signs will replace the existing intersection warning sign in advance of Limekiln Road.

"The sooner you authorize the signage to be in place the better," said Solicitor Brian F. Boland.

In other business:

- The board also approved for the Amity Township Police Department to do speed and parking enforcement at the Amity Primary Center, Amity Intermediate Center, Monocacy Elementary Center and Daniel Boone Middle School.

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School district officials told police that vehicles are parked in no-parking zones near the schools and that children cannot be seen when they are between the cars.

- Lyon said the Geiger Road Bridge will open shortly after guide rails are installed.

The bridge was closed several years ago.

A new culvert has been installed at a cost of about \$250,000.

The board is considering holding a reopening ceremony.

“This is nothing to be proud of -- how long it took to open this bridge,” said Board Chairman Robert R. Yanos referring to the red-tape and permit delays by local and state agencies.

- Boland advised the township to not move forward on refinancing its \$3 million bond.

He said Spring Township, Berks County, also has an A credit rating but that it didn't get a significantly lower interest rate with a great yield.

Net savings on the refinance with a low interest rate were calculated to be about \$50,000.