MEMORANDUM

To: College Township Local Traffic Advisory Committee
    Mr. Don Hartzell, Chair

From: Adam Brumbaugh, Township Manager

Re: Remand of Centre Hills Village Traffic Calming Study

Date: 03/08/2022

College Township Council received and considered the LTAC recommendation for funding to study/design the road closure of Squirrel Drive at its regular meeting February 3, 2022.

By a vote of 5-0, a motion to deny funding for this study was approved by Council.

While Council does appreciate the work and effort expended by the Centre Hills Village neighborhood committee in investigating alternatives and surveying the neighborhood, Council is concerned about pursuing such a unilateral action to traffic issues, specifically, the closure of a road, without first exploring the impact of less drastic measures. Council remains committed to funding traffic calming measures within the Centre Hills Village study area. But, such measures cannot begin and end with a closure of Squirrel Drive.

Therefore, Council is remanding this issue back to LTAC to work with the neighborhood to consider investigating further the impact of other alternative traffic calming measures in addition to the complete closure. In the opinion of Council, there are proven traffic calming techniques that could be employed that will provide relief to existing traffic issues within this neighborhood. Council will consider future recommendations from LTAC for funds to study or design traffic calming improvements, but it is strongly recommended that a phased approach to improvements be considered. A closure of Squirrel Drive would only be considered as a last best option should lesser improvements, or combinations of lesser improvements, prove inadequate to address existing traffic conditions.