

AGENDA
POOLESVILLE PARKS BOARD
June 7, 2023
19721 BEALL STREET
7:00 PM

1. **Call To Order**
2. **Announcements**
3. **Citizen's Comments On Agenda Items**
4. **Approval Of Minutes**
 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: May 3, 2023
5. **New Business**
 1. ISKCON PARADE AND EVENT APPLICATION

 2. HALMOS TENNIS COURT DISCUSSION

 3. FISHING TOURNAMENT REVIEW

 4. STEVENS PARK TRAILS UPKEEP

 5. FISHER AVE SPEED STUDY

Documents:

[_FISHER AVE SPEED ANALYSIS .PDF](#)

6. **Old Business**
 1. FIELD DEDICATION POLICY DISCUSSION

Documents:

[STREET NAMING POLICY.PDF](#)
[UPDATED APPROVED NAMES.PDF](#)

7. **Superintendent Of Parks And Streets Report:**
 1. PARKS BOARD WALKING TOUR
8. **Town Commissioner Liaison Report:**
9. **Adjournment**

This is a tentative agenda subject to change.

Town of Poolesville
To: Town Commissioners and Parks Board
From: Niles Anderegg, Assistant Town Manager
CC: Wade Yost, Preston King, John Strong
Date: 5/30/2023
Re: Fisher Avenue Speed Analysis

Background

Based on resident concerns, staff requested a speed study of the traffic on Fisher Ave. The Montgomery County Police Department set up their speed trailer in “ghost mode” on Fisher Ave. The maximum speed limit for this area is 25 miles per hour (MPH) on town-controlled roads and 30 miles on the state-controlled sections of Fisher Ave, still within town limits.

Data

The data collected looked at eastbound traffic on Fisher Ave from May 1 and May 25, 2023. During this time, there were 66,299 trips, with an average of about 2,649 daily trips (note the daily trips have nearly tripled since the state did a study in 2010). The average speed on West Willard was 27 MPH, with 85% of the trips below 40 MPH and 82% between 21-35 MPH. The data also shows that traffic along Fisher Ave stays relatively the same between 7 am and 6 PM, with the highest traffic times at 7 and 8 am and noon. In other words, during morning rush hours and lunch.

Analysis

Based on this data, the speed limit of 25 is appropriate, given current traffic conditions. When reviewing traffic data, one of the key metrics is the 85% speed. For example, the town’s speed hump policy requires that the 85% speed be greater than ten over the speed limit for the town to install speed humps. Given that 82% is within 10 miles of the 25-mile-per-hour speed limit, there is generally no excessive speeding in this area. However, it is also worth looking at the range of speed we see on the road. The lowest record speeds were in the 11 to 15 MPH range, and the highest recorded speed was between 66 and 70 MPH.

Recommendations

Based on the data gathered so far, staff is taking the following actions. First, we have requested that the Police collect speed data for Westbound traffic to get a complete picture of traffic along Fisher Ave. Second, this data does not look at drivers' behavior when at crosswalks; therefore, staff is installing more speed signs and crosswalk signage to emphasize to drivers that they are in a pedestrian zone.