



MEMORANDUM
Office of the Administrator

To: Mayor and Council

From: Marsha Hall, Administrator

Copy:

Date: September 15, 2014

Re: Toy Road Traffic Issues

Background

Three maps of the area are included. The first map shows the area in question, corporation boundaries, and the ownership of the roadways. Saltzgaber Rd. is a township road other than a short section at the intersection with Groveport Rd. All of Swisher Rd. is a township road. Toy Rd. is a township road from Saltzgaber Rd. to Swisher Rd., a Groveport road from Swisher Rd. to just east of Centerpoint Pkwy., then an Obetz road from that point moving west.

The second map shows the curb-cuts associated with the City of Groveport. The western Opus development curb-cut is one that is currently in existence and the eastern curb-cut is the one currently being constructed for the new SK Foods development. Both curb-cuts are for developments within the City of Groveport, but both enter Toy Rd. within Obetz. The current SK Foods curb-cut includes signage prohibiting trucks from turn right (to the east) for truck traffic leaving the development onto Toy Rd.

The third map (drawing) shows the plat that was approved by ordinance by Council in May, 2014 and recorded in July, 2014 for an Opus development expansion at the end of Green Pointe Dr. The plat provides for a cul-de-sac of Green Pointe Dr. South, and additional easements added to existing easements. It should be noted that the right-of-way for the extension of Green Pointe Dr. was originally vacated in 2008. This prohibits the possible solution Mr. and Mrs. Lyles indicated in their August 25 letter to you proposing the Obetz Administrator Davisson's recommendation for Groveport and Obetz to jointly build a road at the west end of Toy Road that would come around the old Stambaugh property in Obetz and connect with Green Pointe at its current southern end.

Recent Efforts

Madison Township officials made us aware of truck traffic issues in August, 2012. As a result of meeting with township and Obetz officials, we erected signage with the purpose of restricting truck traffic onto Saltzgaber.

Due to continued complaints from the area residents, a meeting was attended by Chief Portier with twp. and Obetz officials re: continued truck traffic problems. Discussions included the possibility to seek funding from Rep. Bischoff for a joint study by Madison Township, Obetz, and Groveport to widen and extend Toy Road to Green Pointe Dr. for better truck access to Alum Creek.



After concurrence with Council, I agreed that once our City Engineer was brought on board and had time to prepare it, he could provide the group with a scope of services for a study and float it to determine what the study would cost. Once accepted by the other entities, the RFP will be provided to Rep. Bischoff for consideration. Steve has suggested that the study should look at the problem, various solutions, and how those various options would affect the area. It is our intention that Steve begin work on this once his workload has steadied.

Mrs. Lyles of Toy Rd. called requesting a meeting with me to obtain Groveport's support of the residents' request to dead end Toy Rd. I explained to her that Council would have to do that; however, I believed that they would not do this without input from the county and the other affected entities. I also explained to her that Steve Farst and I had attended a general meeting with the Franklin County Engineer and his staff the day before, and Mr. Ringle had specifically stated that he wouldn't support a dead end of Toy Rd., and that the Commissioners are generally not in favor of dead ending or signing away right-of-way within their jurisdiction. I also explained to her that a study would only be performed if there was funding available; that Groveport was only asked to put together a scope for the study. Mrs. Lyles felt that we would not support the residents so there was no need to meet.

This brings us to the August 25 letter from the Lyles.

