

TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MERION

POLICE COMMITTEE

**Wednesday, March 12, 2025
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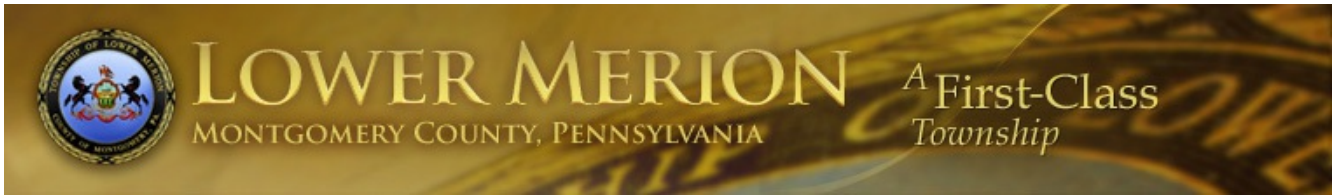
Chairperson: Shawn Kraemer

Vice Chairperson: Joshua L. Grimes, Anthony C. Stevenson, V. Scott Zelv

AGENDA

- 1. AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE ORDINANCE - CHAPTER 145, VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC - PENWYN ROAD AND BOLSOVER ROAD PARKING CHANGES**

- 2. AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE CONDITIONAL OFFERS OF EMPLOYMENT FOR OPEN POLICE POSITIONS**



AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION

ITEM: AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE ORDINANCE - CHAPTER 145, VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC - PENWYN ROAD AND BOLSOVER ROAD PARKING CHANGES

Consider for recommendation to the Board of Commissioners authorizing advertisement of an ordinance to amend the Code of the Township of Lower Merion as follows:

- a. Establishing “No Parking Anytime” on the northeast side of Penwyn Road, between Penn Road and Sabine Avenue, and on the southwest side of Bolsover Road, from Penn Road to Penwyn Road

or

Establishing “No Parking Anytime” on alternating sides of Penwyn Road, between Penn Road and Sabine Avenue, and on the southwest side of Bolsover Road, from Penn Road to Penwyn Road.

- b. Establishing a 4-Hour Parking Time Zone, Weekdays, 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., regulation on Penwyn Road, Wynnewood, between Sabine Avenue and Bolsover Road and adding this road segment to the renamed School Impacted Permit Zone as set forth in Township Code §145-119.
- c. Amending the Special Parking Zone section renaming the Student Parking Permit Zone to School Impacted Permit Zone and deleting provisions providing for the issuance of permits to students in Township Code §145-37.E.(1), (3) and (4).

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

A draft ordinance incorporating the Police Committee’s recommendation will be included with the agenda for the March 19, 2025, Board of Commissioners meeting.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type
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TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MERION

Police Committee

Issue Briefing

Topic: Penwyn Road and Bolsover Road Parking Restriction and Penwyn Road Time Limited Parking Zone (Wynnewood) Ward 5

Prepared By: Gerald G. Adams, Director of Parking Services

Date: March 7, 2025

I. Action To Be Considered by The Board:

- a. Authorize advertisement of an ordinance establishing “No Parking Anytime” on the northeast side of Penwyn Road, between Penn Road and Sabine Avenue, and on the southwest side of Bolsover Road, from Penn Road to Penwyn Road

or

Establishing “No Parking Anytime” on alternating sides of Penwyn Road, between Penn Road and Sabine Avenue, and on the southwest side of Bolsover Road, from Penn Road to Penwyn Road.

- b. Authorize advertisement of an ordinance establishing a 4-Hour Parking Time Zone, Weekdays, 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., regulation on Penwyn Road, Wynnewood, between Sabine Avenue and Bolsover Road and adding this road segment to the renamed School Impacted Permit Zone as set forth in Township Code §145-119.
- c. Authorize advertisement of an ordinance amending the Special Parking Zone section renaming the Student Parking Permit Zone to School Impacted Permit Zone and deleting provisions providing for the issuance of permits to students in Township Code §145-37.E.(1), (3) and (4).

II. Why This Issue Requires Board Consideration: The establishment of parking regulations requires the approval of the Board of Commissioners.

III. Current Policy or Practice (If Applicable): N/A

IV. Other Relevant Background Information: The Parking Services Department received several complaints about additional vehicles parking on Penwyn Road between Sabine Road and Bolsover Road, in Fall 2024. Residents also raised concern over the difficulty of the Township Fire apparatus and Public Works Refuse vehicles to pass through the street due to the increased parking. Residents submitted a petition signed by 8 out of 9 residents requesting a time limited parking zone and to be added

to the special purpose parking zone that allows each residence to obtain two permits. There are currently no parking restrictions on this section of Penwyn Road.

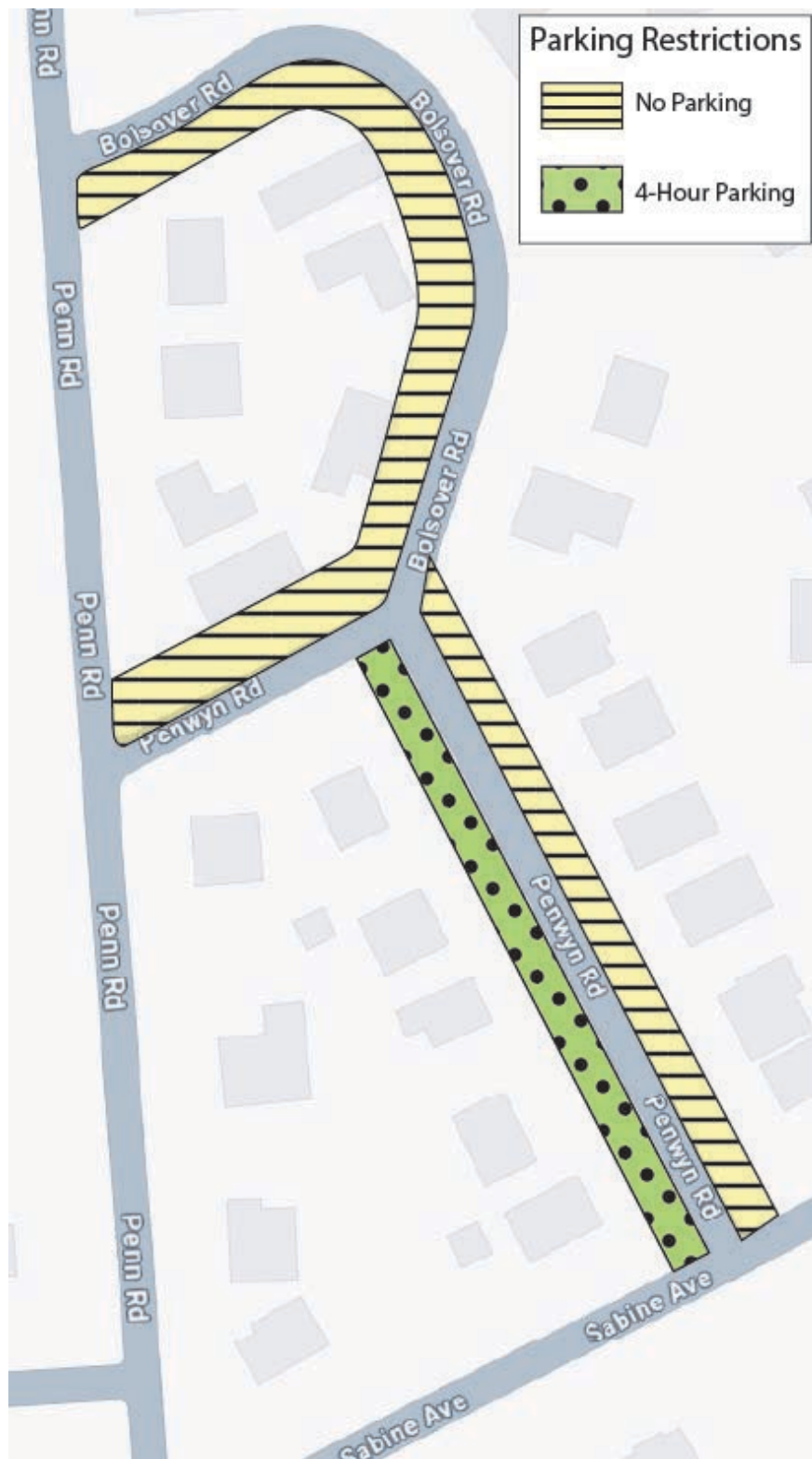
The Parking Services Department surveyed the street in the Fall of 2024 and again in January-February 2025 finding the street regularly has multiple available parking spaces. The Township Parking, Fire, and Police Departments also investigated the concern about emergency and service vehicle access to the street with parking allowed on both sides of the narrow roadway.

Having made multiple trials to get fire apparatus down Penwyn Road, and adjacent Bolsover Road, the recommendation is to convert both streets to parking on one side only. The “No Parking Anytime” should be established on the northeast side of Penwyn Rd, between Penn Road and Sabine Avenue, and on the southwest side of Bolsover Road, from Penn Road to Penwyn Road or as an option on alternating sides of Penwyn Rd, between Penn Road and Sabine Avenue, and on the southwest side of Bolsover Road, from Penn Road to Penwyn Road.

While no current parking issue was identified if approval is granted for safety reasons to restrict parking to one side only on Penwyn Road parking availability will be reduced and the time-limited parking restriction and resident permit availability may be justified. Bolsover could be similarly impacted but there has been no petition from residents for permit parking restrictions.

- V. **Impact On Township Finances:** The cost for installation and purchase of signage is minimal.
- VI. **Staff Recommendation:** Authorize advertisement of an ordinance to restrict parking to one side only on Penwyn Road and Bolsover Road selecting one of the options as noted, designate the requested 4-Hour Parking Restriction on Penwyn Road, from Bolsover Road to Sabine Avenue, rename the Student Permit Parking Zone to School Impacted Zone and delete sections allowing for student permits plus add Penwyn Road to the School Impacted Zone making them eligible for two residential permits per household.

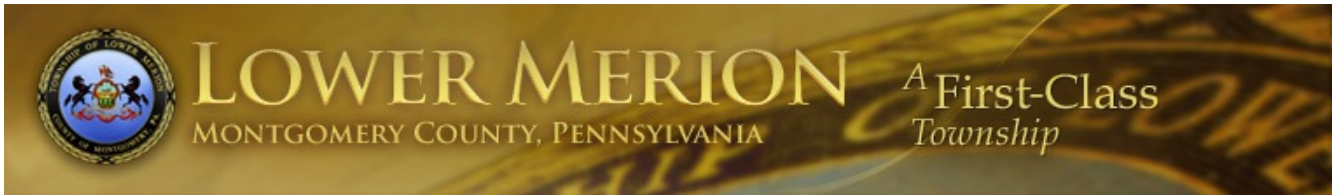
PENWYN ROAD & BOLSOVER ROAD PARKING RESTRICTIONS
Northeast Side of Penwyn Road and Southwest Side of Bolsover Road



PENWYN ROAD & BOLSOVER ROAD PARKING RESTRICTIONS

Alternating Sides of Penwyn Road





AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION

ITEM: AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE CONDITIONAL OFFERS OF EMPLOYMENT FOR OPEN POLICE POSITIONS

Consider for recommendation to the Board of Commissioners authorizing the Township Manager to make conditional offers of employment to seven probationary police candidates who have fulfilled the Civil Service requirements for eligibility.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MERION

Police Committee

Issue Briefing

Topic: Conditional Offers of Employment – Open Police Positions

Prepared By: Andrew J. Block, Superintendent of Police

Date: March 7, 2025

- I. Action to Be Considered by the Board:** Authorize the Township Manager to make conditional offers of employment to seven probationary police candidates who have fulfilled the Civil Service requirements for eligibility to begin filling vacant budgeted sworn police officer positions.
- II. Why This Issue Requires Board Consideration:** Filling vacant positions in the Police Department requires the approval of the Board of Commissioners.
- III. Current Policy or Practice (If Applicable):** This request is consistent with past practice and Civil Service Regulations.
- IV. Other Relevant Background Information:** The 2025 budgeted authorized complement of sworn officers for the Police Department is 136. There are currently 118 active officers. This leaves the Department with 18 open positions before the next academy class, which starts on Monday, May 5, 2025. In addition to the vacancies noted above, there are 13 officers eligible to retire as of today.

This action will fill seven current vacancies from the existing certified list of police officer candidates, which the Civil Service Commission approved on January 2, 2025. These seven potential candidates have been subject to thorough background investigations. If approved, this action will conclude the eligibility list yielded from the Civil Service test in the fall of 2024.

If approved, the potential candidates will complete a medical physical, a psychological examination, and other related tasks. Four who need Act 120 certification will attend the police academy. Three candidates, who are already Act 120 certified, will begin in-house training, followed by the Field Training Officer Program.

- V. Impact on Township Finances:** These requested positions are included in the 2025 adopted budget.
- VI. Staff Recommendation:** The recommendation is to authorize the Township Manager to make conditional offers of employment to up to seven probationary police candidates.