

## Chair Opening Remarks – August 12, 2025

Good morning,

First, remember to revisit the Mission Statement of our committee and its Management Plan which states that we “.....will strive to protect, preserve, and enhance the natural, scenic, and cultural character of the M-119 Heritage Route.”

A couple of things that did not make it onto the agenda in my absence:

1. Several committee members, myself included, Isha and Cassidy met with Jamie Judson as a prospective website professional to work with us in updating and upgrading our internet presence. I was impressed with her understanding of our needs and would support choosing her services.
2. I called Jason Dryja to get an update on the concerns that he and his neighbors had expressed at our June meeting about proposed placement of homes and probable removal of trees near his property at 1778 S.Lakeshore Drive. He reported that the developers had canceled their plans and that a different individual had begun to look at the property. We discussed the possible benefits of contacting the county to have input into the ongoing county master planning process about the need for enforceable tree cutting regulations in the TOT corridor.....be they township ordinances or otherwise.
3. We received an email from the Readmond Township Planning Commission with updates on their efforts to create public rest areas within the TOT. Hopefully this document can be reviewed under Unfinished Business. The subject has been removed from the revised agenda, but I believe that it should remain in old business until the issue is settled.
4. Also spoke with Clayton Sigmann, ByWays Administration, and he will most likely be making brief (10-15 minute) presentations to our committee during our September and October meetings. It was my feeling that this might be preferable to one lengthy 45-minute presentation. I hope everyone is good with this.

Anyway, have fun and I will see you in September.

Dale Scott

Current Committee Chair

M-119 Tunnel of Trees Scenic Heritage Route Committee