

## McKeever Pike and SR 32

Recently, the Township Trustees met with the ODOT officials and the County Engineer to discuss the possible closing of McKeever Pike at SR 32. The conclusion to the meeting was that there would not be a closure at this time.

The reason for the change of mind is that the number of accidents was below the amount designated by the State as dangerous was not met. During 2005 there were 5 (five) accidents at the intersection. This is quite a reduction from the amounts for the previous 3 (three) years. One of the accidents was caused by an animal and was not a result of human error.

The statement from ODOT, specifically Mr. Hamilton, was that as long as this low number occurred there would not be a closure.

In a recent email from Hamilton, he stated:

“We have checked the signing.

The signing in the median is at the appropriate height.

We will install another intersection ahead sign in both directions in the median.

We will move the west SR32 sign, on the west side of the intersection, a little further to the west.”

This looks as if all the help provided by the residents did help the State dig a little deeper and find a way to keep McKeever open.

It will be necessary that we, Trustees and residents, work together to increase the safety of the intersection. We have to work to keep the accidents low by being as cautious as possible at the intersection. Please tell your neighbors and anyone you might talk with that they have to be safe at the intersection and reduce accidents at the intersection.