

## La Porte City Traffic Commission

The March meeting of the La Porte City Traffic Commission was held on March 3, 2020 in the conference room of the City Police Station. The following members were present:

Karyl Feikes – Chairperson	Andy Snyder – Secretary
Paul Brettin	Paul Vincent
Ron McAtee	Mike Frazee
Rip Ludlow	

The following items summarize the meeting:

1. The minutes of the February 4, 2020 meeting were approved. Motion by Ron McAtee and seconded by Paul Vincent.
2. There was no public comment.
3. In regard to Miles Fettingner's request, of 1712 Maple Garden Dr. for a no parking area from the stop sign to the first driveway on Miller at its intersection with Maple Garden Dr. and also at the intersection of Miller St. and 18<sup>th</sup> St on Miller, the Commission decided to take the following action. Rip Ludlow made a motion to forward these parking restrictions to the City Council for consideration. Mike Frazee seconded it and it passed unanimously.
4. The digital speed signs scheduled for installation on Waverly Road and Truesdell Ave. have yet to be installed. This is expected to take place in the spring.
5. The Commission decided to take no action in regard to Robert O'Connell request to turn the 100 block of Fox St. into a one-way street northbound. A search of traffic accidents at the intersection of A St. & Fox St. did not support this concept of an unusually high hazard area.
6. Ron McAtee requested the Commission review parking on Madison St. near Boston Middle School to determine if the parking restrictions were still applicable. The Commission decided to take no action until it is decided what the full use of the facility will be.
7. Karyl presented an email from Nick Minich outlining several steps that are being taken to address the concerns with the current increased traffic associated with new Kesling Middle School. They included adding a solar powered flashing beacon with signage northbound at A St. in the median. Adding an additional turn lane from northbound A St. to eastbound 18<sup>th</sup> St. Re-striping the current lanes for better traffic flow. The school system will also continue to monitor bus arrival and departure practices.
8. The Commission discussed Bert Cook's request regarding restricted traffic flow on A St. in the 100-300 block area. The Commission considered recommending no parking on the west side of A St. between the 100-300 block, but there was some concern how this might adversely affect The Little Theater facility. Paul Vincent indicated he would speak with representatives from The Little Theater and report back at next month's meeting.

9. The Commission decided to take no action on a concern from Denny Fox of 903 3<sup>rd</sup> St, to make the 900 Block of 3<sup>rd</sup> St. (between I St. & J St.) into 2 hour restricted parking area.
10. The Commission decided to take no action regarding a concern from Jon Davidson of 104 1<sup>st</sup> St. regarding 1<sup>st</sup> St. signs being confused with I St. He would like the signs to be printed in spelled out version. The Commission indicated the Street Department is obligated to follow the version as it is written in the county plat book. Since 1<sup>st</sup> St. is listed as a number, the signage must also be in number format.
11. The Commission decided to take no action regarding Paula Stokes' concern regarding parking on Laurel St. The commission members did not witness vehicles parked on both sides of the street at the times they had visited the street.
12. Paul Vincent requested the Commission consider a No Parking/Loading Zone on Niesen St. in front of Sacred Heart Church to help with members being dropped off and picked up. The Commission decided to evaluate the request and discuss it further at the April meeting.
13. Paul Vincent asked that signage on Lake Shore Dr. be clarified as to where two-way traffic is verses one-way traffic. Mike Frazee will look into this request.
14. A resident at 1301 Scott St. requested Neighborhood Watch signs be installed in the Scott St. area. It was stated this was not possible because there is not a recognized Neighborhood Watch group in this area.
15. NIPSCO submitted a request to install a sign with flashing lights designating the crosswalk on Happiness Way. The Commission authorized this request but indicated any expense associated with the signage would be their responsibility.
16. A request was submitted by Rip Ludlow to better identify the crosswalk from Frank St. crossing Ohio St. at Hailmann School. It was decided to install the spinning reflective markers on top of the stop signs.
17. Councilwoman Laura Cutler had forwarded a request from resident Evan Wooding regarding better lane markings on Indiana Ave. where it goes from a double lane roadway to a single lane roadway at Kingsbury Ave. It was stated that INDOT previously had planned on addressing this issue during the reconstruction of the roadway. Andy Snyder will follow up with Nick Minich to see if something might be done since the reconstruction project has been moved out for a number of years.

There being no further business a motion to adjourn was made by Paul Vincent and seconded by Ron McAtee.

Due to several members' conflicts with the next regularly scheduled meeting of April 7<sup>th</sup>, the Commission decided to move the April meeting to one week later. The next Traffic Commission will be held at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, April 14, 2020 in the conference room of the City Police Station.

Respectfully submitted,

Andy Snyder, Secretary