

La Porte City Traffic Commission

The June meeting of the La Porte City Traffic Commission was held on June 9, 2020 by use of Zoom conference video, with public participation available via phone conference call. The following members were present:

Karyl Feikes – Chairperson	Andy Snyder – Secretary
Paul Brettin	Paul Vincent
Rip Ludlow	Sarah Brown

The following items summarize the meeting:

1. It was noted the Traffic Commission meetings in April and May had been cancelled due to coronavirus pandemic. The minutes of the March 3, 2020 meeting were approved. Motion by Paul Vincent and seconded by Rip Ludlow.
2. There was no public comment.
3. Miles Fettinger'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 18th St on Miller, had not been forwarded to the City Council for consideration as of yet. It will be presented to the Council this month.
4. The digital speed signs scheduled for installation on Waverly Road and Truesdell Ave. have yet to be installed. This is will remain in the minutes until completed.
5. The item of the concerns with the current increased traffic associated with new Kesling Middle School will remain in the minutes until some of the suggestions are complete. These 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 18th St. Re-striping the current lanes for better traffic flow. The school system will also continue to monitor bus arrival and departure practices.
6. Paul Vincent reported he had not yet spoken with representatives from the Little Theater regarding restricted traffic flow on A St. in the 100-300 block area and the possibility of no parking. He will report further on this item next month. A suggestion was made to consider using asphalt millings in the alleyway to allow residents the ability to use this as off street parking.
7. There was further discussion to consider a No Parking/Loading Zone on Niesen St. in front of Sacred Heart Church to help members that are being dropped off and picked up. Paul Brettin made a motion to forward this recommendation to the City Council and Sarah Brown seconded it. It passed unanimously.
8. The item of better signage on Lake Shore Dr. designating the separation point between two-way traffic verses one-way traffic was discussed further, but it was unclear if it had been addressed since Mike Frazee was not in attendance. This item will be held over until next month.

9. It was unknown if the reflective spinning markers had been installed to better identify the crosswalk from Frank St. crossing Ohio St. at Hailmann School. This item will be held over to discuss with Mike Frazee at the July meeting.
10. Andy Snyder had not yet spoken with Nick Minich regarding the lane markings on Indiana Ave. where it goes from a double lane roadway to a single lane roadway at Kingsbury Ave. He will do this by the July meeting.
11. Sarah Brown was contacted by Kathy Slater, 705 "E" Street, regarding the speeding traffic on "E" street. Chief Brettin had put up an electronic speed monitoring sign and Kathy was very happy with the results of slower traffic. Mention was made that there are no speed limit signs along the street. Will check with Mike Frazee to see if we can get speed limit signs installed.
12. It was also brought to the Commission's attention that along Patton Street there are "no parking from 12:00 a.m.-4:00 a.m. signs that are from an out of date Ordinance. The signs should read "no parking Monday-Wednesday-Friday 1:00 a.m.-6:00 a.m. A motion was made by Paul Brettin to install the new signage was seconded by Paul Vincent.

There being no further business a motion to adjourn was made by Sarah Brown and seconded by Rip Ludlow.

The next Traffic Commission will be held at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, July 7, 2020 in the conference room of the City Police Station.

Respectfully submitted,

Andy Snyder, Secretary