

## La Porte City Traffic Commission

The July meeting of the La Porte City Traffic Commission was held on July 7, 2020 in the training room of the La Porte City Police Department. The following members were present:

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

The following items summarize the meeting:

1. The minutes of the June 9, 2020 meeting were approved. Motion by Paul Vincent and seconded by Mike Frazee.
2. Under public comment, Art Lilly of 392 Kenwood St, attended the meeting and asked the Commission to support his request for the vacating of a portion of Kenwood St. He owns the property on both sides of the street regarding his request and the street terminates after his property line. The Commission indicated there was no official action they could take but they would support the request.
3. Miles Fettinger's request 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, was brought up for further discussion since it had not yet been forwarded to the City Council for consideration. Andy Snyder indicated he had spoken with Miles about this item and Miles stated his intention was not for such a large area of no parking. His concern was that larger vehicles such as trucks could safely navigate the turn. It was determined that once the DOT distances were specified from the corner and a stop sign and were painted on the curbs there would be sufficient room to make a turn. Paul Vincent made a motion to rescind the previous motion regarding this issue and Ron McAtee seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.
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 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.
6. Paul Vincent reported he had spoken with a representative, Tim Gartland, from the Little Theater regarding restricted traffic flow on A St. in the 100-300 block area and the possibility of no parking. He stated Tim felt this parking restriction would probably cause them to lose 9-10 parking spaces. Tim felt it wouldn't be an insurmountable obstacle for their patrons but it

would be an inconvenience. In lieu of no parking a suggestion was made make 3<sup>rd</sup> St. a one-way, but this did not seem feasible. Another idea presented was to use millings in the alley between 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> St. to improve the surface and encourage residents to use this to access off street parking. The Commission decided to implement the upgrade to the alley and monitor the situation, but to take no further action at this time.

7. The request to forward a recommendation for No Parking/Loading Zone on Niesen St. in front of Sacred Heart Church to help members that are being dropped off and picked up had not yet been forwarded to the City Council. Andy Snyder indicated he will have it for the Council's consideration at their next meeting.
8. Mike Frazee indicated he had turned the signs around on Lake Shore Dr. designating the separation point between two-way traffic verses one-way traffic. This has improved the visibility of the signage.
9. The reflective spinning markers had not yet been installed on the signs at Frank St. crossing by Hailmann School. Mike Frazee indicated these items will be completed in the near future.
10. Andy Snyder had spoken with Nick Minich regarding the lane markings on Indiana Ave. where the roadway goes from a double lane to a single lane at Kingsbury Ave. He stated since INDOT is currently repaving the roadway south of this area Nick would request that they stripe these lanes as part of the project. However, he felt it was unlikely they would include this in the project. He did indicate that INDOT had agreed to the City striping this area with their resources. The Commission will see if Nick has word from INDOT by the August meeting.
11. Mike Frazee was informed of the need for speed limit signs on E St. in the 700 block since there are none for the entire area. Mike indicated he will have his personnel take care of it.
12. Mike indicated he had replaced "No Parking from 12:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m." signs that are from an out of date ordinance with the correct signage.
13. It was noted that the evergreen shrubs had been removed in the Kroger complex at the 3-way stop as per the Commission's request from last year.
14. Andy Snyder presented an email request from Ann Rogers of Harrison St. stating that parking in front of her residence located between Indiana & Michigan Avenues is sometimes not accessible. She indicated many times vehicles will park without regard to the distance between other vehicles and entrances. The Commission directed Mike Frazee to paint the appropriate sized parking spaces on the roadway and curbs. They felt this would remedy the situation. The Commission will continue to monitor it.

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

The next Traffic Commission will be held at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, August 4, 2020 in the training room of the City Police Station.

Respectfully submitted,

Andy Snyder, Secretary