

La Porte City Traffic Commission

The February meeting of the La Porte City Traffic Commission was held on February 5, 2019 in the conference room of the City Police Station. The following members were present:

Karyl Feikes – Chairperson	Andy Snyder – Secretary
Tim Stabosz	Tom Owens
Rip Ludlow	Miles Fettinger
Mike Fraze	

The following items summarize the meeting:

1. The minutes of the January 8, 2019 meeting were approved with two minor changes. Motion by Rip Ludlow and seconded by Tom Owens.
2. There was no public comment.
3. Mike Fraze reported the additional 30 MPH speed signs have been installed along the entire length of Michigan Ave.
4. Mike Fraze also reported the signs had been installed on the south side of 10th St. to designate current parking restrictions by Handley School.
5. The changes to Clear Lake Blvd. had not yet been completed to improve the ability of fire trucks and street department trucks to safely traverse the new roadway. The item will remain on the agenda until NIPSCO has moved the utility pole on Kosciusko St. and the asphalt radiuses on West St. & Furnace St. have been extended.
6. Tracy Connors with American Licorice and Bert Cook of GLEDC attended the meeting to present a formal request to consider changing the name of Whirlpool Dr. to Happiness Way. Tracy Connors stated the owner of the American Licorice property, Space Leasing, is supportive of the change. However, the Commission members indicated they were reluctant to act on the request because the New York Blower facility located on Whirlpool Dr. had not yet been contacted regarding the change. Andy Snyder indicated he will contact New Blower and get their opinion.
7. In regard to the request from the January meeting of accidents on I St. reference the chicanes; Chief Owens reported there had been no reported accidents since the installation of the chicanes on I St. south of 20th St. The Commission will continue to monitor the effects of the traffic patterns in this area.
8. Andy Snyder reported there had been some concerns regarding parking on Clear Lake Blvd. by the Dunes facility. On a recent Sunday vehicles had parked on both sides of the street restricting the ability of the Street Department to plow the road. Andy indicated he had spoken with the owner of the facility and he indicated he was familiar with the situation. He said a mistake with the parking of the vehicles on that date had created a situation where approximately 40-60 spots were not available for use. The Commission decided to continue to monitor the situation.

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

The next meeting of the Traffic Commission will be held at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, March 5, 2019 in the conference room of the City Police Station.

Respectfully submitted,

Andy Snyder, Secretary