

## La Porte City Traffic Commission

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

AC Pressler Acting Chairperson & Secretary

Tim Stabosz

Tom Owens

Rip Ludlow

The following items summarize the meeting:

1. The minutes of the February 5, 2019 meeting were approved. Motion by Tim Stabosz and seconded by Tom Owens.
2. Andrea Renner-Miller, Vine St., attended the meeting to follow up on an email she had sent regarding parking issues on Vine St. She indicated on multiple occasions residents have parked on both sides of the street making almost impossible for vehicles to traverse the road. She stated she had talked to some of the residents about the issue and they were agreeable to be more aware to park so the road would be passable. The Commission decided to look at it further over the next month and discuss it further at the April meeting.
3. 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 radii on West St. & Furnace St. have been extended.
4. Bert Cook of GLEDC attended the meeting to follow up on the request to consider changing the name of Whirlpool Dr. to Happiness Way as per American Licorice. AC Pressler reported that Andy Snyder had been in contact with Mr. Glenn Todd of New York Blower Company and they were supportive of the name change. Mr. Todd indicated they would have some expense associated with the change but as long as American Licorice was committed to a long term presence in La Porte they were agreeable. Rip Ludlow made a motion to recommend the name change of Whirlpool Dr. to Happiness Way to the City Council and Tom Owens seconded it. The motion passed by a vote of 3 in favor with one opposed (Tim Stabosz).
5. The subject of reopening Hoelocker Dr. was discussed as per the City Council discussions. It was stated this would forfeit approximately one million dollars in grant funds and cost approximately \$40,000.00 of work to the roadway. The Commission felt this was not advisable.

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

The next meeting of the Traffic Commission will be held at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, April 2, 2019 in the conference room of the City Police Station.

Respectfully submitted,

Andy Snyder, Secretary