

La Porte City Traffic Commission

The April meeting of the La Porte City Traffic Commission was held on April 2, 2019 in the conference room of the City Police Station. The following members were present:

Tim Stabosz – Acting Chairperson

Tom Owens

Ron McAtee

Mike Frazee

Miles Fettinger

The following items summarize the meeting:

1. The minutes of the March 5, 2019 meeting were approved. Motion by Tom Owens and seconded by Mike Frazee.
2. Mr. Larry Banwart attended the meeting to express his concerns about the proposed construction of an overpass on Park St. and the pending closure of the Detroit St. railroad crossing. He stated he owned properties and a business in the area of 300 Detroit St. Linwood and Clear Lake Blvd. He felt this would adversely affect these businesses and felt it was unwise to proceed with the project.
3. Susan Barr of 101 Roosevelt St. also attended the meeting to express concerns about the proposed overpass and questioned why it was not being constructed at Boston St. She felt this would be a much better site for the overpass. Mr. Merle Miller also echoed her sentiments.
4. Mr. Brian Kajer of 406 Niesen St. attended the meeting to also express concern for the proposed overpass and inquired what the requirements would be to receive the grant funding for the project.
5. Donna McCleery of 135 McClung Rd. attended the meeting to express her concerns about the closure of Hoelocker Dr. and the Dunes facility. She also had concerns about the proposed overpass and the affect it would have regarding safety in the area. She questioned what the design would be and how this would impact Detroit St. and Pulaski St. She also was concerned that McClung road is posted as a “No Truck Route” but trucks regularly use it. She would like it better enforced.
6. Mr. Johnathan Davidson of 104 1st St. attended the meeting to request all signage on 1st St. be spelled out in alphabetical letter form as opposed to numerical form. He indicated he has had difficulty obtaining mail due to this designation. The Commission advised him they would look into the item and discuss it further at their next meeting.
7. Diana Riley of 13th St. attended the meeting and indicated she had witnessed busses having difficulty entering the Handley school drop off entrance. She wanted to make sure there had been no request from the school system to restrict parking on 13th St. She was informed no such request had been submitted.
8. Mark Schreiber, superintendent of the Park Department, attended the meeting and requested permission to place additional signage on Waverly road and Truesdell Avenue. The signage would be in the form of digital speed signs.

A motion was made by Ron McAtee to allow the signage and seconded by Mike Frazee. The motion passed unanimously.

9. 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.
10. It was reported that the City Council had read the ordinance to change the name of Whirlpool Dr. to Happiness Way for its first time. It will be up for adoption at the April 15th meeting.

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

Due to Election Day on May 7th, the next meeting of the Traffic Commission will be held one week later at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, May 14, 2019 in the conference room of the City Police Station.

Respectfully submitted,

Andy Snyder, Secretary