

La Porte City Traffic Commission

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

Karyl Feikes – Chairperson
Julie Smith
Rip Ludlow

Andy Snyder - Secretary
Mike Frazee

The following items summarize the meeting:

1. The minutes of the May 14, 2019 meeting were approved. Motion by Mike Frazee and seconded by Rip Ludlow.
2. Jessica Romine of 2107 Woodlawn Ave., Jamie Buchanan of 2108 Woodlawn Ave. and Jenny Scott of 2110 Woodlawn Ave. attended the meeting to express their concerns of speeding and unsafe driving on Woodlawn Ave. They stated vehicles entering and exiting the golf course have a disregard for the residential neighborhood and the number of children in the area. They requested “Children at Play” signs be installed and a traffic study be conducted to consider lowering the speed limit. Rip Ludlow made a motion to install “Children at Play” signs and do the traffic study. Mike Frazee seconded it and it passed unanimously. This item will be discussed further at the July meeting.
3. The Commission discussed Mr. Vans, of 705 Plain St., request for a stop sign to be placed at the intersection of Plain St. and Henry St. The Commission decided to take no action on this request at this time. The Commission felt the current condition of the pavement, the results of the traffic study and the proximity of other stop signs at nearby intersections does not necessitate the need for a stop sign.
4. Regarding Mr. Johnathan Davidson’s, 104 1st Street, request that all signage on 1st St. be spelled out in alphabetical letter form as opposed to the current numerical form; Mike Frazee reported that he is bound to display the signage in the form that it is printed in the County Plat Book. Since the plat book currently lists it numerically he must adhere to that form.
5. Mark Schreiber’s request to place additional signage on Waverly Road and Truesdell Avenue in the form of digital speed signs was discussed. It was reported these had not been installed as of yet. This item will remain on the agenda until complete.
6. The changes to Clear Lake Blvd. have not yet been completed to improve the ability of fire trucks and street department trucks to safely traverse the new roadway. The one item remaining to be completed is enlarging the radius from Kosciusko St. onto Clear Lake Blvd. This item will remain on the agenda until all aspects are complete.
7. The request for a pedestrian crosswalk on Happiness Way was discussed further. It was determined after review that there was not a crosswalk at the

requested location but one would be advisable. Rip Ludlow made a motion to place a pedestrian crosswalk on Happiness Way at the entrance to American Licorice as per their request. Mike Frazee seconded it and passed unanimously.

8. Regarding Diana Richey's concern of speeding vehicles on Andrew Ave. Julie Smith presented a traffic study. It showed some instances of vehicles speeding, but none to an excessive amount. Julie indicated she will request additional enforcement and the temporary placement of a digital speed monitor to help address the concern.
9. Josh Westfall, 32 Keston Elm Dr. and Julie Barber, 71 Keston Elm Dr. attended the meeting to follow up on discussion regarding speeding and safety in the Keston Elm Dr. area. It was reported the "Children at Play" signs had been installed. The Commission also felt a recommendation for a reduction in the speed limit was necessary but whether it should be 15 mph or 20 mph was undetermined. It was reported the current speed limit is 30 mph and it is not possible to achieve this speed due to the contour of the road. The commission decided to take it under advisement and have accident counts and traffic study results reported back at the next meeting to make a determination.
10. The recommendation to remove one of the 2-15 minute parking signs on Jefferson Ave. in front of the former Temple building was determined to need City Council action before implementing. Mike Frazee made a motion to forward this recommendation to the City Council and Rip Ludlow seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Andy Snyder, Secretary