

## La Porte City Traffic Commission

The August meeting of the La Porte City Traffic Commission was held on August 6, 2019 in the conference room of the City Police Station. The following members were present:

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

The following items summarize the meeting:

1. The minutes of the July 2, 2019 meeting were approved. Motion by Miles Fettinger and seconded by Ron McAtee.
2. Beth Schrader, City Planner, and Mark Schreiber, Park Superintendent, attended the meeting to submit a proposal regarding Lake Shore Dr. They presented a plan which would make Lake Shore Dr. a one way street (westbound) and a multi-use trail from Grangemouth Rd. to Craven Dr. Andy Snyder presented questionnaires that had been circulated by Pastor Dennis Meyer, 420 Lakeshore Dr, requesting Lakeshore Dr. be made a one-way street. He reported that Pastor Meyer was unaware of the City's proposal when he circulated the questionnaires. All respondents to the questionnaire indicated they would like the city to investigate this proposal further and were in favor of the concept. The Commission decided to take the proposal under consideration and discuss it further at the September meeting. They would also like to contact the residents.
3. Bert Cook attended the meeting to thank the Commission for adding the pedestrian crosswalk at the American Licorice facility.
4. Paul Vincent from RQAW attended the meeting regarding street closures associated with the transport of the County EMS building. He was directed to the Board of Public Works & Safety since this is outside the jurisdiction of the Traffic Commission.
5. Chief Owens presented a traffic study regarding excessive speeding on Woodlawn Ave. The study showed no motorists going in excess of the 30 mph speed limit. However, he indicated several vehicles were stopped by officers for failure to stop at the stop signs. The Commission decided to take no action regarding a speed limit change. Chief Owens indicated he would have his officers continue to monitor the street.
6. Mark Schreiber indicated the digital speed signs had not yet been delivered for Waverly Road and Truesdell Ave. He did expect them in the near future. This item will remain on the agenda until complete.
7. 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 that remains outstanding is to enlarge the radius from Kosciusko St. onto Clear Lake Blvd. It was reported that this will require a

sanitary sewer line to be moved which the wastewater department is currently accommodating. This will remain on the agenda until all aspects are complete.

8. It was decided to place more speed signs on Andrew Ave. to better educate drivers of the speed limit. It was reported that the temporary placement of a digital speed monitor to help address the concerns of speeding was successful and would continue when available.
9. Mr. Josh Westfall of 32 Keston Elm Dr., Julie Barber Stroud & Troy Stroud of 71 Keston Elm Dr., Greg & Michelle Gardner of 44 Keston Elm Dr. and Tom Milo, of 92 Keston Elm Dr. attended the meeting to discuss the proposed speed limit change on Keston Elm Dr. from 30 mph to 20 mph or 15 mph. After much discussion a motion was made by Tim Stabosz and seconded by Miles Fettinger to request the City Council lower the speed limit on Keston Elm Dr. from 30 mph to 20 mph. The motion passed by a vote of 7-1 with Chief Owens as the nay vote. The Commission further discussed a 15 mph warning sign on the curve area of the street. This idea will be discussed further at the September meeting. Mr. Westfall was instructed to remove the 15 mph sign he had installed in front of his property.
10. It was reported that the recommendation to remove one of the 2-15 minute parking signs on Jefferson Ave. in front of the former Temple building will be on the next City Council agenda.
11. A recommendation was made for the Commission members to review the vegetation impeding the line of sight at the 4-way stop in the Kroger complex. This will be discussed further at the next Traffic Commission meeting.

There being no further business a motion to adjourn was made by Miles Fettinger and seconded by Tim Stabosz.

Due to the Labor Day Holiday the next meeting of the Traffic Commission will be delayed by one week and moved to the following Tuesday. It will be held at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, September 10, 2019 in the conference room of the City Police Station.

Respectfully submitted,

Andy Snyder, Secretary