

**CITY OF PEKIN TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES
NOVEMBER 1, 2019 @ 8:30 a.m.
CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM**

PRESENT: Don Baxter, Bob Henderson, Kurt Nelson, Brett Olson

Also present: Will Taylor

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m.

Motion by Brett to approve the agenda, seconded by Don. All in favor.

Motion by Will to approve the October 4, 2019 meeting minutes, seconded by Don. All in favor.

Old Business:

1. Motorized Bikes - Update

Resolution to the issues presented at the last meeting regarding motorized bikes is in the works.

New Business:

1. Speed Limit Signs – S. 14th St.

Mike Guerra was unable to attend the meeting. He reported on the speed limit signage on S. 14th St. After discussion of this topic, Don made a motion to leave the area as is. Bob seconded the motion. All in favor.

2. Study of Review of Timing of Traffic Signals

Mike submitted a report of the current status of this study. After discussion, Don made a motion to leave traffic signals as is at this time. Brett seconded the motion. All in favor.

3. Speeding on Tharp St.

This concern had been brought to the committee by citizens in attendance at the last meeting. The speed spy was placed in this location. The results indicate that speeding is not an issue in this area. It was noted that vehicles do run the stop sign. After discussion, it was determined that this is an enforcement issue. The Police department will step up enforcement in this area. The citizens who presented this concern will be notified.

4. Crosswalk Warning Signals – S. 14th St. – Update

Mike submitted a report indicating that the equipment proposed in the lowest bid is being evaluated for approval. Once approved, there will be a lead time of approximately 4 to 6 weeks for delivery and installation. It was noted that Pekin Grade School District #108 has agreed to pay half the cost of installation. The total cost of installation is approximately \$8,000.

5. 4-Way Stop on Derby St. @ S. 10th St.

This item was brought to the committee by Rene Spradlin, 1403 S. 10th St. A review of crash history indicates that vehicles traveling west on Derby St. in this location have a tendency to run the stop sign more often than the other sides of this 4-way stop intersection. The Street department will look into the visibility of the stop sign and the Police department will step up enforcement. The citizen will be notified of the findings.

6. Parking Restriction on the S. Side of Park Ave. Between S. 14th St. and Court St.

This topic has been brought to this committee a number of times. As Court St. is still being evaluated and engineering recommendations have not yet been made, Will made a motion to leave the area as is at this time. Brett seconded the motion. All in favor. The citizen with this concern will be notified.

7. Railroad Incidents

Bryce Foster (bryce.foster@gwrr.com) and Jim Meyer of Tazewell & Peoria Railroad attended the meeting to speak on this topic. They represent the safety action committee for the railroad. They are making efforts to reach out to improve safety and relationships. They are looking for opportunities to work together with Fire and Police departments for the safety of the community through raising awareness of railroad security, what is hauled on trains through our community, and train safety in general. Don made a suggestion for them to work together with the Police department PIO to raise awareness through social media.

Around the Table

Brett reported that the street sweepers are out working the streets.

Will reported that the school crossing guards at the intersection of Parkway Dr. and Willow St. have adjusted the way that they are stopping traffic for students to cross the street. They are no longer going into the middle of the intersection and stopping the traffic in all directions.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lee Ann Wrhel

NEXT REGULAR MEETING DECEMBER 6, 2019 @ 8:30 A.M.