

CITY OF PEKIN TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES
OCTOBER 6, 2017 @ 8:30 a.m.
CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM

PRESENT: Kurt Nelson, John Dossey, Mike Guerra, Bob Henderson, Sarah Newcomb, Bob Shaw, Dennis Zimmerman

Also present: Will Taylor

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

Motion by John to approve the agenda, seconded by Dennis. All in favor.

Motion by John to approve the September 1, 2017 meeting minutes, seconded by Sarah. All in favor.

Old Business:

1. No Parking Request Washington St. between Court St. and S. 10th St.

Present at the meeting for this item; Gary & Nancy Haller, Mark Wertz, John Neumann. This item was brought back to this committee for further discussion. Nancy Haller, 1014 Washington St., spoke regarding the congestion in this location. The street is very busy and it appears that it is being used as a cut through to avoid the traffic light on Court St. at S. 10th St. She noted that there is a 2-hour parking regulation in place for part of the street, but it is not observed and is not regularly enforced. She is seeking no parking on the south side of the street, however, she does feel that it would be best for the no parking to be on both sides of the street. John Neumann had been in business at Pekin Prescription Lab at 1016 Court St. since 1979. Though he is no longer involved with the business, he does own a number of the properties in this location. He feels that the issue is enforcement of the parking regulation that is already in place. He has a concern with the ingress/egress at the intersection of Washington St. and Court St. Mark Wertz has operated his law firm at 1024 Court St. since June 1, 2017. He stated that he occasionally needs extra parking and is asking to not eliminate the parking in this location. His concern is the speed of traffic coming off of Court St. onto Washington St. He noted that there is a lot of pedestrian traffic in this area as well.

After a lengthy discussion, it was the consensus that there are a number of issues in this location. Mike indicated that any change to the intersection of Court St. and Washington St. would depend on the final decision regarding Court St. There were several suggestions including; striping the lanes on Washington St. near Court St., making this location one way eastbound, changing the parking restriction to 1-hour, and reaching out to Pekin Prescription Lab regarding their employee parking. Enforcement will be increased. The bush on the property at 1024 Court St. will be removed to increase the line of sight. This item will be a topic of discussion at the November meeting to review the entire scope of the issues in this location and all the suggestions that have been made to determine the best course of action to take at this time.

New Business:*1. Stop Light Request Intersection of Parkway Dr. & Sheridan Rd.*

In order to install traffic lights at this intersection a study would have to be initiated and the intersection would have to meet the criteria of a safety hazard. It was noted that there is no visibility issue at this intersection and traffic lights would cause more congestion. After discussion, Bob H. made a motion to leave this area as is. Dennis seconded the motion. All in favor.

2. Various T-Intersections - Signage

This item was brought to the committee from a citizen. The request involves several uncontrolled intersections on the north side of town. These intersections do not meet MUTCD recommendations for traffic control signage. There are no sight restrictions and the traffic volume is low. John made a motion to leave these areas as they are. Bob H. seconded the motion. All in favor.

3. Traffic Flow 14th St. @ Park Ave.

This request was made by Councilmember Abel. The current configuration of this intersection is in place for the efficiency of traffic flow in this location. John made a motion to leave the area as is on the advice of the City Engineer. Dennis seconded the motion. All in favor.

Around the Table

Mike reported that there will be lane reductions on Broadway Rd. and Sheridan Rd. for upcoming road work.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lee Ann Wrhel

NEXT REGULAR MEETING NOVEMBER 3, 2017 @ 8:30 A.M.