CITY OF PEKIN TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES
OCTOBER 4, 2019 @ 8:30 a.m.
CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM

PRESENT: Don Baxter, Bob Henderson, Sarah Newcomb, Trent Reeise, Dennis Zimmerman

Also present: Will Taylor, Mayor Mark Luft, Council Member Dave Nutter

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

Motion by Sarah to approve the agenda, seconded by Will. All in favor.

Motion by Sarah to approve the September 6, 2019 meeting minutes, seconded by Dennis. All in favor.

Old Business:
None

New Business:

1. *Motorized Bikes*

Jacob Collins attended the meeting to voice his concerns with motorized bikes. He stated that he was representing the residents of the 1000 Block of S. Third St. as well as members of the Facebook group “Pekin Problems and Solutions”. He brought a sample of the responses he has received on this topic. It was noted that this is an issue in all parts of the city. He stated that the concern is regarding those who do not follow the Illinois Rules of the Road (running stop signs and signals, not signaling for turns, riding on sidewalks, not riding in the proper traffic lane, going over 20 mph, no lighting and reflectors) and the noise level they create. He was adamant that they are not asking to ban them, just asking for enforcement of traffic laws and the noise ordinance. Mayor Luft spoke on this topic and reported that an ordinance is in the works. There was discussion about registration, enforcement, the ability to seize their bike, and educating the public. Mayor Luft stated that he would like for the ordinance to be written up by the end of the year, with presentation to and approval from City Council early next year. There was discussion of the registration fee being minimal and those who register receiving a copy of the ordinance so that they fully understand what is expected and the penalty involved if the ordinance is not followed. Ideas for educating the public included, putting information out through the schools, bike awareness at events such as Night Out Against Crime, and information put out on Facebook. It was also noted that these concerns are about all bicycles, not just the motorized ones. As Chief Dossey is working on the ordinance and was unable to attend this meeting, no action was taken on this item. This will be an agenda item for the next meeting, pending the creation of a city ordinance to address this topic.

2. *Golf Carts on Streets*

Dezseray Rudd attended the meeting for this topic. It was noted that golf carts are allowed on city streets if they are registered and insured. The golf cart her family utilizes is legally outfitted and is being used legally on the street. After discussion of this topic, it was the consensus of the committee to take no action on this agenda item.

3. *Parking Lines Request – 900 Block S. Capitol St.*

Jennifer Bartley, 1805 Parkfield Dr., made a request asking for parking spaces to be marked on the street in front of Jefferson School in the 900 Block of S. Capitol St. as well as a designated handicapped parking space on the street. It was noted that the designated handicapped parking space on the street in this location has been previously discussed by this committee. The decision at that time was that it is the responsibility of Pekin Grade School District #108 to provide a handicapped parking space in the parking lot. After discussion of the request for marking parking spaces on the street for the school, it was the consensus of the committee to take no further action on this agenda item. The citizen who made this request will be notified.

4. *Private Parking Lot Entrance – Corner of Elizabeth St. & 4th St.*

John Bagley (owner of this private parking lot) contacted the committee regarding this topic. He has had issues with vehicles parking across the entrance/exit of the lot. He asked about signage to make drivers aware that this area is the entrance/exit to his parking lot. There was discussion that this is the same as parking across a driveway. It was noted that the area is already marked on the street as a non-parking spot. Don and Will agreed that this is an enforcement issue. Police officers will be reminded to monitor this area for violators. The citizen who made this request will be notified.

5. *Speed Limit Signs – S. 14th St.*

Mike Guerra was unable to attend this meeting. Sarah made a motion, seconded by Don that this will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

6. *Study of Review of Timing of Traffic Signals*

Mike Guerra was unable to attend this meeting. Sarah made a motion, seconded by Don that this will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

<u>Citizen concerns brought to the committee that weren't on the agenda</u>

- Don Hild, 2408 Potomac Ct., attended the meeting to voice his concerns with speeding on Tharp St. He asked about consideration of a stop sign to create a 3-way stop at the intersection near the curve and hill as he is concerned with the volume and speed of traffic in that area. After discussion, Will reported that he will request to have the Speed Spy monitor traffic in this area. JP Bliss, 1900 Tharp St. was also in attendance at the meeting for the same topic with the same concerns.

- Josh Houston, 1514 S. 14th St., attended the meeting to ask about the status of the crosswalk warning signals at the intersection of Koch St. and S. 14th St. It was noted that Pekin Grade School District #108 will be covering half of the cost of the warning signals in this location. Mayor Luft asked about the installation

date. Mike Guerra was unable to attend this meeting. He is the one working on this project. This will be an agenda item for the next meeting to get an update.

Around the Table

Council Member Dave Nutter asked how the committee does follow-ups with citizens who make requests. Letters are sent out to citizens who made requests and were unable to attend the meeting.

Will reported that he has received complaints regarding the school crossing guards at the intersection of Willow St. and Parkway Dr. The crossing guards are going out into the middle of the intersection and stopping all traffic in all directions for students to cross the intersection. It was noted during discussion of this topic that vehicles can continue through the intersection when the pedestrian is out of that driver's lane of traffic. The crossing guards need to be educated on this. It was further noted that the crosswalks at this intersection are on the list to be freshly painted for better visibility.

Bob reported that there have been some issues with traffic not obeying the stop arms on school busses in the area around Washington Intermediate School (S. 6th St., Washington St, Buena Vista Ave.) He is working on a solution for the safety of the school children.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lee Ann Wrhel

NEXT REGULAR MEETING NOVEMBER 1, 2019 @ 8:30 A.M.