

CITY OF PEKIN TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES
AUGUST 3, 2018 @ 8:30 a.m.
CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM

PRESENT: Kurt Nelson, John Dossey, Bob Henderson, Sarah Newcomb, Bob Shaw

Also present: Will Taylor

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

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

Motion by John to approve the July 6, 2018 meeting minutes, seconded by Bob H. All in favor.

Old Business:

1. Speed Limit – Parkway Dr. from Broadway Rd. to Sheridan Rd.

Jim Mangan was in attendance at the meeting for this item. He stated that he is in favor of leaving the speed limit as is, along with suggesting that 40 mph be considered. There had recently been a request asking to consider lowering the speed limit in this area from 35 mph to 30 mph. Two surveys were conducted seeking input regarding this request. One survey was for the public, the other one was specifically for residents of Parkway Dr. There were approximately 1500 responses to the survey for the public (88% of responses were from residents of Pekin). 90% of the responses indicated to not reduce the speed limit, many asked for an increase. The survey for residents of Parkway Dr. produced 26 responses from the approximately 77 households. 80% of those responses were from homeowners with about half of them in favor of 30 mph and half in favor of leaving the speed limit as is. There had also been a review of crash history. In light of the results of the survey and input received, John made a motion to leave the area as is at this time. The motion was seconded by Bob H. All in favor.

2. Handicapped Parking Space Request – 1100 Hamilton St.

Bob H. reported that this issue has resolved itself. There is no need for action on this item at this time.

New Business:

1. School Traffic Pattern Safety

Glaln Worrell, Business Manager for Pekin Public Grade School District #108 was in attendance at the meeting for this item. This was the yearly discussion regarding school bus traffic patterns. Glaln reported that there are no issues to report at this time. There was a suggestion for the future to include a letter from the Chief of Police in orientation packets for parents to make them aware of safety during school drop-off/pick-up. Glaln reported that the Annual School Safety Meeting with first responders is scheduled for Thursday, September 27, 2018. Glaln further stated that they appreciate what the Police Department and Fire Department do for the schools. They especially appreciate the regular communication with Bob Henderson.

Around the Table

Greg Gum, 2316 Arlington Circle attended this meeting with a concern regarding parking issues involving trailers being left parked on streets in the city. He asked for clarification of the code and wanted to raise awareness of this issue.

The Police will do radar enforcement on Parkway Dr. There was a suggestion to put information out on social media.

August 16th will be Freshman day for Pekin High School District #303. The first day for all students will be August 17th. The first day of school for Pekin Grade School District #108 will be August 20th. The Fire department will do the crosswalk detail as they have in the past.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lee Ann Wrhel

NEXT REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 7, 2018 @ 8:30 A.M.