

CITY OF PEKIN TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES
JULY 10, 2020 @ 8:30 a.m.
CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM

PRESENT: Josie Esker, Bob Henderson, Jeff Little, Sarah Newcomb, Brett Olson, Seth Ranney, Trent Reeise

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

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

Motion by Sarah to approve the March 6, 2020 meeting minutes, seconded by Josie. All in favor.

Old Business:

1. 4-Way Stop Sign Request – Prince St./S. 13th St.

Mr. Burlingame, 1005 S. 13th St., was in attendance at this meeting regarding the concern he had presented at the March, 2020 meeting involving vehicles speeding in his neighborhood and crash history. He asked for consideration of a 4-way stop at the intersection of Prince St. and S. 13th St. The speed spy was placed in this location and crash history was reviewed. The speed spy results revealed that the average recorded speed in this location over a 7-day period was 21 mph. The review of the crash history showed no concerning crash reports. Mr. Burlingame stated that he is also concerned with vehicles with loud mufflers, bicycles, and motorcycles in the area. After discussion of the request, Brett made a motion to deny the request for the 4-way stop in this location, leave the area as is, and stepped up enforcement by the Police department. Jeff seconded the motion. All in favor.

New Business:

1. Parking Concern - North side of the 400 Block of Hamilton St.

This item was brought to the committee by a resident of this neighborhood through the citizen representative of the committee. The concern was the number of vehicles parked in this location that belong to Enterprise Rent-a-Car located at the corner of N. 5th St. and Hamilton St. It was learned that during the beginning of COVID vehicles were not being rented and all vehicles were located at the business sites. Bob, along with other members, reported that he goes by this location every day and has not seen this as an ongoing concern. Bob made a motion to leave the area as is. Jeff seconded the motion. All in favor.

2. Parking Concern – McNaughton Rd.

This concern had been brought to the committee by an employee of Pekin Park District who has since indicated that it appeared to be an isolated incident and that this is no longer a concern. Brett made a motion to leave the area as is. Bob seconded the motion. All in favor.

3. Speed Concern - Prince St. Curves

This concern was brought to the committee by Tammy Snyder, 801 Prince St. She asked for consideration to place a speed bump along the curves in this area due to the number of children in the area and the speed of vehicles traveling through there. The speed spy was placed in this location. The speed spy results revealed that the average recorded speed in this location over a 16-day period was 14 mph. Josie stated that speed bumps present more of a hazard. They cause street drainage issues and hinder clearing streets with a snowplow. Brett made a motion to deny the request for a speed bump and leave the area as is. Jeff seconded the motion. All in favor.

4. Chairman Appointment

Due to the recent retirement of Fire Chief Kurt Nelson who had served as Chairman of the committee, Sarah made a motion to appoint Josie as Chairman. Josie stated that she is willing to be Chairman. The motion was seconded by Brett. All in favor.

Around the Table

Brett reported that Sheridan Rd. is scheduled to be opened early next week.

Bob stated that as of this date he has not been given a definite plan regarding the opening of school and the procedure for handling COVID precautions for students riding the bus. He reported that up to 50 people can be transported together on a bus. There will be a limit to the number of students gathering at individual bus stops.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lee Ann Wrhel

NEXT REGULAR MEETING AUGUST 7, 2020 @ 8:30 A.M.