

CITY OF PEKIN TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES
JULY 7, 2017 @ 8:30 a.m.
CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM

PRESENT: Kurt Nelson, Don Baxter, Mike Guerra, Bob Henderson, Dan Newcomb, Sarah Newcomb, Bob Shaw, Dennis Zimmerman.

Also present: Dori Smith (Pekin Park District), Tom Conlin (Pekin Park District Police), Will Taylor, Lee Ann Wrhel

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

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

Motion by Sarah to approve the June 2, 2017 meeting minutes, seconded by Don. All in favor.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

1. *Request for Parking Restriction on S. 5th St. South of Koch St. at Pekin Park Sports Complex*

The committee has received correspondence regarding this issue from citizens and the Pekin Park District. Dori Smith, Pekin Park District; Tom Conlin, Pekin Park District Police; and Randy Singleton, 1407 S. 7th St. were all in attendance regarding this topic.

Tom Conlin stated that the parking on S. 5th St. in this location has become an ongoing safety concern. There is not enough room between the roadway and the ditch for vehicles to safely park there. This has become an issue this year. There is plenty of parking available in the lots at the complex. This is a safety concern for both vehicles driving on S. 5th St. and people entering and exiting vehicles in this location. Some of the vehicles parked in this location have their tires on the roadway. Mike noted that though this is now a city road, it was originally designed for rural traffic and not designed to accommodate on-street parking.

After discussion of this topic, Don made a motion to make a recommendation to City Council for consideration of no parking any time on both sides of S. Fifth St. from Koch St. to Hanna Drive. Dennis seconded. All in favor.

Mike will check on whether or not temporary no parking can be put in place in this location in the meantime.

2. *Line of Sight – Fayette St. at S. Second St.*

Lowell Robinson, 130 Pontiac Rd., Marquette Heights contacted the committee regarding the line of sight crossing S. Second St. at Fayette St. He asked about banning truck traffic in this location or make the property owner at the corner move vehicles back that are parked there. Discussion of this topic indicated that the vehicles in the lot are

legally parked on private property and that S. Second St. is a state route. IDOT would have to approve any changes made to the road in this location. The Police Department will step up enforcement in this area to monitor the speed of traffic.

3. Traffic Control – 6th St. @ Margaret St.

Karen Zimmerman who is the owner of a business in this location made a request to the committee for consideration of a traffic control device or better identification of a crosswalk in this location as employees park in the Sud's lot across the street. After discussion of this request, it was noted that 6th St. in this location is a state route. IDOT would have to approve any changes made in this location. The Police Department will step up enforcement in this area to monitor the speed of traffic.

4. Traffic Control – Forest St. @ Glendale St.

Jessica Ellis, 2209 Glendale made a request to the committee regarding traffic control in this location. She is concerned with traffic that comes from Forest onto Glendale. The traffic on Forest does not have to stop at Glendale. After discussion, it was decided to put this back on the next meeting agenda after sending out letters to residents in the neighborhood and traffic monitoring results can be gathered by the Police Department.

5. Flashing Light – VFW & S. 14th St.

Lisa Timbrook contacted the committee with this request. Mike noted that IDOT does not recommend this and the configuration of this intersection was made by IDOT. When this roadway is turned over to IDOT they will be taking down the signage and they will be responsible for any safety measures in place in this location.

Around the Table

The City Manager has requested that Downtown Parking be an agenda item for the August meeting.

The City Manager received correspondence from a resident on Arlann Dr. regarding a bush that is blocking the line of sight to exit her driveway. Sarah indicated that she would pass this concern on to Code Enforcement.

Randy Singleton, 1407 S. 7th St. stated that vehicles on Veteran's Dr. turning left onto Court St. are making double left turns and there is only one turn lane in that location. He feels that it would be good to have a double left turn in this location. Mike reported that it would be up to IDOT to modify this location to allow double left turns. The Police Department will monitor this location.

Randy Singleton also reported that delivery trucks are going down his street from Derby St. in the early morning hours. The Police Department will monitor this.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lee Ann Wrhel

NEXT REGULAR MEETING AUGUST 4, 2017 @ 8:30 A.M.