

CITY OF PEKIN TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES
JULY 6, 2018 @ 8:30 a.m.
CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM

PRESENT: John Dossey, Mike Guerra, Bob Henderson, Kurt Nelson, Sarah Newcomb, Brett Olson

Also present: Will Taylor, Rick VonRohr

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 June 1, 2018 meeting minutes, seconded by Mike. All in favor.

Sgt. Rick VonRohr attended the meeting to discuss Speed Spy results. He is in charge of the Speed Spy placement and reporting. He explained that in order to place the Speed Spy in a specific location there has to be a pole available. In some instances it is difficult to place the unit in the best location. There was discussion regarding a way to use a temporary pole in some locations. He will work with Brett Olson on that. It was noted that he does receive notification when a vehicle goes 20 mph over the posted limit.

Old Business:

1. Handicapped Parking Space Request – 318 S. Capitol St.

Officer Will Taylor had gone to this location to speak with the person who had made this request. He was unable to make contact on several attempts. He reported that there is a fire hydrant in front of the residence and there is a small parking lot behind the residence that provides closer parking than a handicapped space on the street. John made a motion to deny the request and leave the area as is based on the information provided. Bob H. seconded the motion. All in favor. The person who made the request will be notified via letter.

2. Speed – 600 through 800 Blocks of S. 10th St.

This item was discussed at the last meeting. Additional data was gathered using the Speed Spy and an Officer monitored the area. It was noted that the average speed recorded in this location was 18 mph. The Officer wrote one speeding ticket during the time he was monitoring it. John made a motion to leave the area as is based on the data from the Speed Spy and the Officer who had monitored the area. Mike seconded the motion. All in favor.

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

The results of the Speed Spy and enforcement by Officer Will Taylor indicates that there is a high volume of traffic and speeding is an issue on Parkway Dr. A review of crashes from 2015 to present date indicates 59 incidents with 21 incidents that “may” have

involved speed though not given as the reason in the report. There was discussion of doing a survey to get input from the public. It was decided to do two separate surveys, one for the residents on Parkway Dr. and one for all other residents. Mike made a motion to conduct the 2 surveys via SurveyMonkey online, get the word out through social media, and review the results at the August meeting. Brett seconded the motion. All in favor.

4. No Parking Request – Portion of Easling Ct.

David Callahan, 1500 Court St. was in attendance at the meeting regarding this item. It is very difficult for him to back out of his driveway when vehicles are parked across from it. Mike made a motion that the “No Parking” be 70 ft. from the edge of east bound Court Street on Easling Ct. due to site distance and turning radius in this location. Bob H. seconded the motion. All in favor. This recommendation will be submitted to City Council as an agenda item for their August 13, 2018 meeting.

5. Downtown Parking

There has been no negative input regarding the moratorium on the 2-hour parking restriction in the downtown area. Now that it has been nearly one year since the moratorium was put in place, John made a motion to make a recommendation to City Council to permanently repeal the parking restriction in the downtown area. The motion was seconded by Mike. All in favor. This recommendation will be submitted to City Council as an agenda item for their August 13, 2018 meeting.

*6. Parking Restriction on the S. Side of Park Ave.
Between S. 14th & Court St.*

Dan Shipman, 1430 Park Avenue, was in attendance at this meeting regarding this request as he had not been in attendance at the other meetings when it was discussed. It was noted that this item had been brought to Traffic Safety both in April and May of this year. The decision from the April meeting was to leave the area as is due to parking availability on the other side of Park Avenue in this location, layout of the roadway, traffic flow, and close proximity to the intersection with Court St. Mr. Shipman received a letter at that time informing him of the decision and the reasons for it. It was further noted that until the City takes over Court St. nothing can be changed in this area. Mr. Shipman stated that in the past there had been parking in this location. When the road was redesigned, the traffic was shifted and the parking was eliminated at that time. After a lengthy discussion of this topic, Brett made a motion to paint a driving lane edge line to direct traffic flow away from the curb. Mike seconded the motion. All in favor. This will be added to the paint schedule for August. In a year, the committee could review the area again to see how the traffic flow has been affected.

New Business:

1. School Traffic Pattern Safety

Glaysn Worrell from Pekin Grade School District #108 was unable to attend the meeting. John made a motion to table this item and bring it back to the August meeting. Brett seconded the motion. All in favor.

2. Handicapped Parking Space Request – 1100 Hamilton St.

Pastor Keith Moore of Central Life Church, 1100 Hamilton St. attended the meeting requesting handicapped parking spaces on both sides of the street in this location on

Sunday only. It was noted that handicapped parking spaces for a specific time frame can't be done. John made a motion to table this request to gather more information and options and bring it back to the August meeting for further discussion. Bob H. seconded the motion. All in favor. In the meantime, Officer Will Taylor will evaluate the area.

3. Parking Concern – 1100 Block of S. 6th St.

David Jones, 1110 S. 6th St. attended the meeting for this topic which had been brought forward by Angela Krus, 1109 ½ S. 6th St. At issue is when vehicles are parked on the "S" curve in this block it is very difficult for vehicles to pass through as well as lack of visibility when backing out of a driveway in this location. After review and discussion, John made a motion for "No Parking" on both sides of the street in the 1100 Block of S. 6th St. where the street is marked for driving lanes (between 1110 and 1112 on the east side of the street and north of the driveway of 1105 on the west side). Brett seconded the motion. All in favor. This recommendation will be submitted to City Council as an agenda item for their August 13, 2018 meeting.

Around the Table

Brett reported that street marking painting will begin sometime in August.

Mike reported that the City is still waiting for Court St. to be turned over.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lee Ann Wrhel

NEXT REGULAR MEETING AUGUST 3, 2018 @ 8:30 A.M.