

CITY OF PEKIN TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES
JUNE 2, 2017 @ 8:30 a.m.
CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM

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

Also present: Glayn Worrell, Will Taylor, Lee Ann Wrhel

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

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

Motion by Will to approve the May 5, 2017 meeting minutes, seconded by Mike. All in favor.

Old Business:

1. School Traffic Pattern Safety – Follow-up

Glayn Worrell from Pekin Public School District #108 was invited to this meeting to discuss the traffic patterns at the grade schools. Prior to the meeting he polled the principals of each school. CB Smith School on Matilda St. was the only issue brought to him. That issue is being addressed next year by having the school bus driver call ahead to let the school know their exact arrival time and the bus will have two monitors on board. He reported that the change that had been previously made at Jefferson School has helped the traffic issues there. He mentioned that there are vehicles that regularly go through the 4-way stop at Washington and Fifth St.

The committee would like to continue to meet with Pekin Public School District #108 each summer to address any potential issues for the upcoming school year.

Bob Shaw asked about the first day of school. The first day of school will be on August 21st. He intends to have all the school crosswalks painted prior to the first day of school.

2. No Parking Request – Kenmore Ct.

There was further discussion of this location and the issue with garbage trucks being able to access the street. It was noted that the residents of Kenmore Ct. have been asked in the past to not park on the street on garbage pick-up days. Bob Shaw indicated that he wants to go out door-to-door and speak with the residents again before moving forward to address this issue.

3. One-Way Street Signage – Intersection of N. Capitol/Ann Eliza

There was further review and discussion of this location. It was noted that there is a sign right across the street from the exit of the parking area informing people of the one-way street. Will made a motion to continue with enforcement in this location. Bob Shaw seconded the motion. All in favor.

4. Crosswalk Signage – S. 14th St. @ Koch St.

Crosswalk signage has now been installed in this location. Bob Shaw indicated that the crosswalk will be painted in the near future. Will reported that Patrol has worked details and will continue to monitor the traffic in this location.

New Business:

1. Removal of Parking Restriction – S. 13th Between Park Ave. & Martha St.

William Turner (801 S. 13th St.) attended this meeting regarding this request. There was discussion of why the parking restriction is in place. The restriction was put in place prior to the hospital parking lot being put in that is to the west of S. 13th St. and south of Park Avenue. The restriction is now outdated because there is plenty of room for hospital employees to park in that lot. Will made a motion to make a recommendation to City Council to remove the no parking that is in place on S. 13th Street from Center St. to Martha St. Dennis seconded the motion. All in favor.

Around the Table

Bob Henderson brought up narrow streets. It was noted that this has been an ongoing issue for the Traffic Safety Committee for a number of years.

Kurt stated that the potholes on Court Street continue to get bigger.

Mike reported that he has been approached by Bill Fleming about the visibility of the intersections of Court and 4th and Court and Capitol. After discussion it was decided to review this area again after the new crosswalk and new signs are put in place in that location.

Mike reported that the second street lights should be in place soon at Veteran's and S. 14th St. and Veteran's and S. 5th St.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lee Ann Wrhel

NEXT REGULAR MEETING JULY 7, 2017 @ 8:30 A.M.