

CITY OF PEKIN TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES
MAY 5, 2017 @ 8:30 a.m.
CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM

PRESENT: Kurt Nelson, John Dossey, Mike Guerra, Dennis Zimmerman.

Also present: Will Taylor, Lee Ann Wrhel.

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

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

Motion by John to approve the April 7, 2017 meeting minutes, seconded by Mike. All in favor.

Old Business:

1. No Parking Request – Woodland St. – Marigold Festival

Letters had been sent out to the residents on Woodland St. after the last meeting seeking their input regarding this request. The committee received no communication from any of the residents. John made a motion to post “no parking by police order” signs on both sides of Woodland St. on Saturday and Sunday, September 9th and 10th during Marigold Festival. Dennis seconded the motion. All in favor. It was noted that traffic will be permitted to travel on Woodland St. during that time.

2. School Zone Request – St. Joseph School

The speed spy was installed on St. Joseph Place to gather traffic statistics. The results indicated that speeding is not an issue in this location. It was noted that the results are somewhat skewed as regular traffic in this location misunderstood and avoided the area thinking that the speed spy was there to issue tickets. It was further noted that the number of pedestrians crossing the street for school is an issue. Mike made a motion to make a recommendation to City Council to make St. Joseph Place a school zone beginning with the 2017-2018 school year. Dennis seconded the motion. All in favor. This item will be brought before City Council for consideration in July.

New Business:

1. Stop Sign Request – On Market St. @ 17th St.

This request was made by Lisa Lynch, 1620 Market St. (309-403-2113). She is concerned with traffic that turns onto 17th St. from Market St. After review and discussion of this request, John made a motion to step up enforcement and monitor the area. Dennis seconded the motion. All in favor.

2. No Parking Request – Kenmore Ct.

This request was brought to the committee by the Solid Waste Department concerning garbage trucks being able to access this street. After the initial discussion, it was decided to add this item to the next agenda after more information is available regarding this location.

3. No Parking Request – Rosewood Ln.

This request was brought to the committee by Will from a request he had received. Discussion of this location revealed that Rosewood Ln. is a private road. Mike made a motion to leave this area as is as “no parking” cannot be enforced on a private road. Dennis seconded the motion. All in favor.

4. Stop Sign Visibility – Court St./4th St. Intersection

This request was brought to the committee through a Police Department employee who had been approached by a downtown business owner with a concern regarding traffic going through this intersection without stopping. Mike reported that plans were already in place for the stop signs in this location to be mounted on new poles in the very near future.

5. One-way street signage – Intersection of N. Capitol/Ann Eliza

This concern was brought to the committee by Officers in the Police Department regarding patrons of a new business in the immediate area who are turning the wrong way on N. Capitol St. when they leave the business. After discussion of this request and the traffic configuration in this location, John made a motion to bring this item back to the next meeting to allow time to look into options to address this concern. Dennis seconded. All in favor.

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

Joshua Houston, 1514 S. 14th St. (613-1040) had brought this request to the committee and was in attendance at the meeting. He is concerned for the pedestrian traffic in this area. He indicated that though this is located within the city, he and many other residents of Schaeferville are concerned for the safety of those in their neighborhoods who use this area to cross S. 14th Street. Mike reported that when the rapid flashing beacon lighting was approved for installation on Broadway at 20th St., he was given blanket approval for their use within the City of Pekin. After discussion of this concern, Mike made a motion to add “crosswalk ahead” signage in the area, check into the cost of installation of rapid flashing beacon lighting, and bring this item back to the committee for discussion regarding funding for this project. John seconded the motion. All in favor. The Police Department will monitor the area and step up enforcement. Mike will contact Cincinnati Township regarding cost sharing. Joshua also stated that in discussing this issue with Schaeferville residents, he received positive input from many of them who indicated they would be willing to make a contribution towards the cost of this project. This will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

Around the Table

Sue Bosich attended the meeting seeking clarification regarding boats being parked on the street overnight. It was noted that boats that are on trailers hitched to a vehicle are allowed to be on the street for 72 hours.

Sue Bosich also indicated that she would like to see the intersection of Washington St. and S. 6th St. be a 4-way stop.

John reported that last week the Police Department participated in the first Illinois Distracted Driving Awareness Week by doing traffic details.

Mike reported that he has spoken with Ameren and they will be installing the second street lights at Veteran's and S. 14th St. and Veteran's and S. 5th St.

Will reported that he has been approached by citizens regarding the parking restriction that is in place on S. 13th St. between Park Ave. and Martha St. This item will be on the agenda for next month's meeting to consider seeking City Council approval to remove the parking restriction in that location.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lee Ann Wrhel

NEXT REGULAR MEETING JUNE 2, 2017 @ 8:30 A.M.