

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

PRESENT: John Dossey, Mike Guerra, Sarah Newcomb, Bob Shaw

Also present: Brett Olson, Will Taylor

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 March 2, 2018 meeting minutes, seconded by Bob S. All in favor.

Old Business:

1. Street Department Worker Safety in Traffic

John asked the Street Department to let the Police know when and where they will be working so traffic can be monitored as call load allows. It was also suggested to put information out through social media.

New Business:

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

The committee received a request from a citizen asking for consideration to lift the parking restriction in this location. After discussion of the request, Bob S. made a motion to leave this location 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. Mike seconded the motion. All in favor.

2. Intersection of Willow St. & Rt. 29

Mike received correspondence from IDOT requesting a change to this intersection that would eliminate the stop sign there. They are proposing replacing the stop sign with a crosswalk sign. It was noted that it is technically IDOT's jurisdiction for signage. They are asking for input from the City of Pekin. After discussion, Mike made a motion to concur with the change as proposed by IDOT with suggestions to also install a warning sign announcing the upcoming merge and signage directing motorists to stop for pedestrians in the crosswalk. Sarah seconded the motion. All in favor. Mike will also ask IDOT for notification of the date when the change will be made so that the City Code can be updated to reflect the removal of the stop sign.

3. Truck Traffic – Parkway Dr.

The committee received correspondence from a citizen regarding concerns with truck traffic on Parkway Drive. After discussion, it was noted that the Police will continue to monitor this area for enforcement.

4. Speed Limit Signs – Thrush and Gunion

The committee received a request from a citizen regarding the speed limit on these two streets. She indicated that vehicles are traveling 40-50 mph in this location. The speed spy was placed in this area to monitor traffic for a 5-day period. It was noted that the average speed of vehicles during this time was 16 mph and the speed limit in this area is 30 mph. The top recorded speed was 37 mph. Sarah made a motion to leave the area as is. Bob S. seconded the motion. All in favor.

Around the Table

Will reported that he stopped in at Davita Dialysis regarding patient drop off. He explained to them that vehicles cannot be left in front of the business any longer than it takes to drop off a patient and then the vehicle will have to be moved to a parking space.

Mike reported that he has applied for funding to update the intersections of Derby St. and 14th St. and Derby St. and 10th St. It will be sometime in June when he finds out about the availability of the funding.

Brett presented signage for increased visibility. He asked for suggestions of where to place it to try it out. It will start out at Derby St. and 10th St.

Will reported that he continues to monitor speed on Parkway Dr. in the area of Coal Miner's Park. He writes many speeding tickets in this area as vehicles regularly travel over 15 mph above the speed limit in this location.

It was noted that speeding is an issue on Griffin Dr. between the Avanti's Dome and Veterans Dr. The speed spy will be placed in this area for traffic monitoring.

John reported that the Police Department will be participating in a distracted driving grant during the last two weeks of April.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lee Ann Wrhel

NEXT REGULAR MEETING MAY 4, 2018 @ 8:30 A.M.