

CITY OF PEKIN TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES
APRIL 5, 2019 @ 8:30 a.m.
CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM

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

Also Present: Trent Reeise, Will Taylor

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

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

Motion by Bob to approve the February 1, 2019 meeting minutes, seconded by John. All in favor.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

1. Handicapped Parking Space Request – 1009 S. Capitol St.

This request was reviewed regarding existing accessibility to the residence. Due to there being accessibility to this residence from the driveway, Will made a motion to leave the area as is. Sarah seconded the motion. All in favor. The citizen who made this request will be notified of this decision.

2. Speed Limit – 14th St. between Park Ave. and Broadway Rd.

Luke VonDerHeide, Pekin Park District Police Chief had made this request and was in attendance at the meeting. He is concerned with vehicles speeding on 14th St. in the area of Mineral Springs Park. The current 20 mph zone is between Court St. and Oak Ridge St. He asked for consideration to expand the 20 mph zone to be from Park Ave. to Broadway Rd. in order to be able to enforce the zone. Vehicles must be given 500 feet to comply with a speed zone. With that, this zone is unenforceable. With the zone expanded, the 20 mph speed limit could be enforced in the area of the crosswalk from the parking lot at the Miller Center to the sidewalk around the lagoon. It was noted that the 20 mph zone in this location is not currently in the city code. After discussion of this request John made a motion to make a recommendation to City Council to make 14th St. from Park Ave. to Highland St. a 20 mph zone. The motion was seconded by Bob. All in favor.

3. Potential Closing of St. Joseph Place

Bill Fleming and Bill Craig were in attendance at this meeting to present this item. They are scheduled to meet with the Pekin Planning Commission on April 10th regarding vacation of St. Joseph Place between S. 7th St. and Haines St. to accommodate a building addition to St. Joseph Catholic Church Parish Center which will connect that building to the church building. They provided the architectural drawing of the proposed project, and indicated that this project is approximately 2 years out for vacation of this roadway. They have met with residents living on Haines St. regarding the planned project. The neighbors had voiced some concern with the shifting of traffic in this area. It

was noted that the parking lot won't have access to the alley that connects to Hillyer St. The parking lot expansion may resolve some of the on-street parking issues in this area. Their purpose to attending this meeting was to get input from this committee regarding their plan. They further noted that this project is something that will be presented to the parishioners and fundraising would have to be in place before the project can begin.

Around the Table

John reported that the Police Department is participating in the IDOT Distracted Driving Grant during National Distracted Driving Awareness Month. The grant is aimed at reducing distracted driving through enforcement. The grant runs through the month of April. Discussion of expanding the definition of what constitutes distracted driving in the City Code will be a discussion topic for the next meeting.

A citizen who lives on Parkway Dr. had recently raised a concern regarding truck traffic on that roadway, which is not on the truck route. The Police Department has conducted directed patrols in this area and reported that Officers have been writing citations for trucks using this roadway. The discussion of the fine structure for this violation will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

Will reported that there needs to be a sign on Broadway at Parkway northbound stating that it is not on the truck route. There is also a need to post signs where the truck route ends on streets.

Kurt inquired about the construction hole on N. 9th St. at Court St. Mike reported that the company doing the work has indicated that the delay is due to a part that they have on order to complete the project.

Mike provided an update to the previous discussion about the CityLink bus route and Court Place Apartments. He was told by CityLink that they don't go into parking lots any more for bus stops. They used to at Court Place, but there was minimal ridership. The issue for residents to get to the nearest bus stop (Court St. and Capitol St.) is trying to cross Third St.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lee Ann Wrhel

NEXT REGULAR MEETING MAY 3, 2019 @ 8:30 A.M.