

CITY OF PEKIN TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES
MARCH 6, 2020 @ 8:30 a.m.
CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM

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

Also present: Josie Esker, Will Taylor

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

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

Motion by Brett to approve the February 7, 2020 meeting minutes, seconded by John. All in favor.

Ron Burlingame, 1005 S. 13th St. was in attendance at this meeting. He brought forward a concern regarding vehicles speeding in his neighborhood. He reported that his house and a tree have been hit. He stated that vehicles travel 40-50 mph headed north and don't stop at the stop sign. He asked for consideration of a 4-way stop at the intersection of Prince St. and S. 13th St. instead of the yield sign that is currently in place on Prince St. Mike stated that certain conditions must be met in order to install stop signs. The speed spy will be placed in this location to monitor traffic, a crash history report will be generated, and enforcement will be stepped up. This will be an agenda item for the next meeting to review the results and determine what action is needed in this location.

Dan Shipman was in attendance at the meeting. He was again inquiring about the final decision regarding his request for parking in front of the home that he owns in the 1400 Block of Park Ave. It was noted that he was in receipt of the recent letter sent to him stating that the committee will no longer address this request as a final decision has been made to not accommodate on street parking in that location. He was informed that this committee is a recommending body only. He was advised that he can take his request to City Council. He asked about when the Court St. study will be completed. There is no timetable for the completion of that study. Striping in that area could be considered to allow a buffer to traffic, but must be cleared by the Engineering Department. John made a motion to move on with the meeting. The motion was seconded by Dennis. All in favor.

Old Business:

None

New Business:**1. *Proposed Golf Cart Ordinance***

John presented the proposed ordinance. It was noted that according to state statute golf carts can't be driven on roadways unless local ordinance allows it. A variety of things need to be reviewed and/or considered before the ordinance is in final form.

- Registration process similar to low-speed bikes
- Must be insured, driver must be licensed, can be cited for DUI
- Exemption for golf carts kept at golf courses
- Ability to cross Parkway Dr. to get to Lick Creek golf course
- How to determine the streets where it would not be allowed – by volume or type of roadway
- Not allowed on streets with daily volume over 5,000, truck routes, state routes, speed limit over 30 mph
- Additional specifically named streets suggested (Washington, Park, N. 11th, S. 5th, N. 8th)
- Banned from central business district (Ann Eliza to 5 points – Broadway to S. Second St.)
- What type of signage would be necessary

John will work with legal for revisions and bring it back to the committee for review.

Around the Table

Ron Burlingame asked about the status of sidewalks on Court St. Josie explained that they are working towards acquiring more right of ways on Court St. with plans to widen the sidewalks.

Josie reported that the closure of Front St. is scheduled to start towards the end of March. The construction is expected to be completed around the end of November. Trucks will be staged in Riverway Business Park and on Hanna Drive in an effort to keep normal traffic flowing on Rt. 29. Trucks will not be staged on Koch St.

Mill and overlay will be done on S.14th St. from Koch St. to El Camino Dr.

Mike will be leaving employment with the city on March 27th to be the Public Works Director for Villa Park, IL.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lee Ann Wrhel

NEXT REGULAR MEETING APRIL 3, 2020 @ 8:30 A.M.