

CITY OF PEKIN TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES
MARCH 3, 2017 @ 8:30 a.m.
CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM

PRESENT: Kurt Nelson, Don Baxter, Mike Guerra, Bob Henderson, Bob Shaw, Dennis Zimmerman

Also present: Bill Scarcliff, Will Taylor, Lee Ann Wrhel.

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

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

Motion by Don to approve the February 3, 2017 meeting minutes, seconded by Bob S. All in favor.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

1. Speed of Vehicles – Crestview Drive.

There was a request from a resident on Crestview Drive regarding vehicles speeding in that area. The resident indicated that the worst time is between 2:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. on school days. The Patrol Traffic Unit worked the area during this time frame. There was minimal traffic and no speeding violations were observed. The Police Department will put the Speed Spy in that location and the results will be available for the next meeting.

2. Line of Sight – Griffin Dr. @ Veterans Dr.

There was a concern brought to this committee about the electric service box for the medical complex being constructed in this location. After discussion, it seems that the construction sign is the main issue. Mike will discuss the service box location with Ameren.

3. Line of Sight – Buff St. @ Willow St.

There was a concern brought to this committee regarding vehicles parked at the northeast corner of this intersection. Will had gone out and checked this location. The vehicle has been moved back. This is no longer an issue at this time.

4. Speed of Vehicles – Parkway Dr. @ Velde Dr.

The committee received a request from George Henderson, 714 Hillyer St. He is concerned with the speed of traffic on Parkway Dr. in the area of Velde Dr. He is asking for consideration of a speed reduction in this location. His concern is being able to see vehicles southbound on Parkway Dr. when someone is attempting to pull onto it from Velde Dr. It was noted that the Patrol Traffic Unit works this area regularly. Accident history for this area since 2011 indicates 21 incidents of vehicle vs deer and the rest

were vehicles being rear-ended turning from northbound Parkway Dr. onto Velde Dr. Don made a motion to leave this area as is at this time. The motion was seconded by Dennis. All in favor. A letter will be sent to the citizen who made this request.

5. *No Parking Request – E. side S. Capitol St. between Court St. & Elizabeth St.* Police Patrol submitted a request regarding consideration for a “No Parking” sign in this location as opposed to the “No Parking Here to Corner” sign that is currently in place there. They indicated that people they encounter parking in this area are confused by the signs. After discussion and review, Bob S. made a motion to leave the area as is at this time. Don seconded the motion. All in favor.

Around the Table

Bob Henderson was in attendance at this meeting and presented a concern he is dealing with regarding dropping off special needs students in the mornings at C. B. Smith School. The current drop off location is confusing drivers regarding whether or not they need to actually stop for the bus. It was suggested that maybe it would be better to move the location for the drop-off. Bob continues to work with the school regarding this situation.

Bob Shaw announced that Bill Scarcliff will be retiring and his last day to work will be Friday, March 10th. Bill has worked many, many years for the City and will be missed.

Will reported that the pedestrian light that has been installed on Broadway Rd. at 20th St. is working good for pedestrian safety.

It was noted that the committee has received a handicapped parking space request. The person making the request has not made direct contact with the committee. Until that time, the request will be held. It was further noted that even if approved by this committee, the request would have to go through City Council for final approval.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lee Ann Wrhel

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