

**CITY OF PEKIN TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES
FEBRUARY 7, 2020 @ 8:30 a.m.
CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM**

PRESENT: Mike Guerra, Bob Henderson, Jeff Little, Kurt Nelson, Sarah Newcomb, Brett Olson

Also present: Will Taylor

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

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

Motion by Sarah to approve the December 6, 2019 meeting minutes, seconded by Brett. All in favor.

Dan Shipman was in attendance at the meeting. He was 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. Though he has been informed numerous times of the reasons that this request is not being granted, he doesn't understand that reasoning. It was noted that there is ample parking available behind the residence. Mr. Shipman was informed that Kurt will discuss the matter with John and will then send a letter to him.

Old Business:

1. Speed Limit Signs – Court St. between Veteran's Drive and Valle Vista Blvd.

Will reported that Court St. between Veteran's Dr. and Valle Vista Blvd. is not marked with the speed limit. The Street Dept. will put up new signs in this area. It was noted that the city code states that the speed limit on Court St. from Valle Vista Blvd. to Barney Ave. is 40 mph. The speed limit on Court St. from Barney Ave. to Veterans Dr. is 45 mph.

2. Speed Limit Signage – S. 14th St. between Koch St. and City Limits

Will reported that there are some discrepancies with the speed limit signage in this area. The city code has the speed limits listed for S. 14th St. as 35 mph from Koch St. to Rosemary St. and 45 mph from Rosemary St. to (VFW Rd.) Veteran's Dr. After discussion of the speed limits in this area, Jeff made a motion to make a recommendation to City Council to reduce the speed limit on S. 14th St. from Koch St. to Rosemary St. to 30 mph and from Rosemary St. to (VFW Rd.) Veteran's Dr. to 40 mph. The motion was seconded by Bob. All in favor. This will be an agenda item for an upcoming City Council meeting.

New Business:*1. Parking too close to entrance, 1115 Derby St.*

This concern was brought to the committee by the business owner. He is asking for consideration of roadway markings or signage to keep vehicles from parking right up to the entrance of his property. After discussion, it was decided that stripes will be painted on the roadway in this location 15 feet on both sides of the entrance to improve the line of sight and access to the business.

2. Speed of Traffic – Corner of Sunset Dr. and Grove Place

This concern was brought to the committee by the resident at #77 Grove Pl. She is requesting a sign to warn traffic to slow down due to the sharp curve in this location. There have been two instances of vehicles not maneuvering the curve and ending up on her property. After discussion, it was decided that a curve sign will be put in place in this location.

Around the Table

John had forwarded an item for discussion regarding parking on the sidewalk on the west side of 14th St. just north of Highland St. He has been speaking with the owner of the home in that location regarding this. The house faces Highland but the garage/driveway faces 14th St. It is a very short driveway. His vehicle is over the sidewalk when he parks in the driveway. John has suggested a possible solution of issuing a permit for the homeowner to park in front of the home on Highland St. After discussion, it was the consensus of the committee to not recommend permit parking in this location. It was also noted that parking across a sidewalk is illegal.

Mike reported that the work on Front St. is scheduled to begin in the middle of March. Truck traffic will be rerouted through the business park to keep from having an excessive back up of traffic on Route 29.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lee Ann Wrhel

NEXT REGULAR MEETING MARCH 6, 2020 @ 8:30 A.M.