

**CITY OF PEKIN TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**FEBRUARY 5, 2021 @ 8:30 a.m.**  
**CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM**

PRESENT: Josie Esker, John Dossey, Sarah Newcomb, Brett Olson, Trent Reeise

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

Motion by Brett to approve the agenda, seconded by Trent. All in favor.

Motion by Trent to approve the November 6, 2020 meeting minutes, seconded by Sarah. All in favor.

Public Comments

None

**Old Business:**

*1. Turn Lane – Intersection of S. 14<sup>th</sup> St. and Park Ave. – Status Update*

Josie reviewed the traffic study that had previously been conducted in this area. It was noted that this particular portion of the intersection had not been included in that study. After further discussion, Brett made a motion for no action on this item at this time. John seconded the motion. All in favor. This location will continue to be monitored.

**New Business:**

*1. Alley – 200 Block of Court St.*

This item was discussed regarding the status of this alley. It was noted that the alley had been closed for a period of time during 2020 when outdoor dining was expanded due to COVID restrictions regarding indoor dining. The closure restricted access for other businesses in the same block. The alley was reopened so as to resume normal access. After discussion, John made a motion to leave the alley open. Trent seconded the motion. All in favor.

*2. School Zone – Highwood St.*

This item was brought to the committee by a citizen asking that the school zone be extended by one block. It was noted that in the city code this school zone is listed as on Highwood Ave. from Summit Dr. to Melanie St. The school zone sign is posted at Powers St. John made a motion for the school zone sign to be moved to Summit Dr. to reflect city code. Trent seconded the motion. All in favor.

*3. Traffic Congestion – Starbucks and Dunkin Donuts*

This item was brought to the committee by a citizen concerned with traffic at Starbucks and Dunkin Donuts. The concern is regarding traffic backed up at the drive through at these businesses. Crash history in both locations indicates that traffic from the drive through lines have caused no crashes. The Police department has monitored these locations numerous times and have noted no interruption to traffic flow. This is not an enforcement issue. This citizen concern has been brought to the attention of the

business manager at Dunkin Donuts. The only possibility would be to force these businesses to make major changes to their drive through process. It was noted that regarding Starbucks, the roadway area between Court St. and the entrance to Starbucks is not a city street. John made a motion to leave these areas as is at this time. Trent seconded the motion. All in favor. These areas will continue to be monitored.

#### **Around the Table**

Trent asked about the possibility of installing Opticom at the intersection of Derby St. and S. Second St. There was also discussion of the availability at all main thoroughfares in the city. Josie will look into this.

Brett requested that Prince St. between S. 7<sup>th</sup> St. and S. 8<sup>th</sup> St. be a topic for the March, 2021 meeting agenda. Parking in this location is an issue for snow plows.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lee Ann Wrhel

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING MARCH 5, 2021 @ 8:30 A.M.**