



City of Pekin

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF PEKIN, ILLINOIS,
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF CITY HALL
111 S. CAPITOL ST
ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2025 AT 8:30 AM**

Call to Order

Approve Agenda

A motion was made by Seth to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Trent, all approved.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Trent to approve the December 6th, 2024, meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Seth, all approved.

Public Comments (Each speaker will be limited to 3 minutes)

Dan Shipman was present to ask questions about future leadership of the committee. Mr. Shipman is still pursuing his desire for street parking on Park Avenue at Garden St. The Council has previously ruled on this area.

Unfinished Business

5.1. Gunion and Thrush Ave. Sign Request

Josie presented a letter from the citizens who originally made this request. They asked for a deeper investigation of the committee's decision. There was also a report involving a Police Officer that was presented that showed emergency services had in fact gone the wrong way at this turn. Seth and Trent discussed this issue and it was the consensus of the committee that a sign would be helpful for emergency services. Trent made a motion for the installation of a sign with house numbers and directional arrows. The motion was seconded by Seth, all approved.

New Business

6.1. Streetlight Request - Velde and Susan Hope Dr.

A citizen has requested streetlights for this area claiming it is extremely dark and hard to see at night. The committee discussed the area and noted that while there is a pedestrian light at the intersection, it is very dark otherwise. Because this is a newer area, all the electrical lines are underground, and

installing streetlights would be a significant cost to the city. A motion was made by Seth to table this item for now, and pull crash reports for the committee to discuss further. The motion was seconded by Trent, all approved.

6.2. Amending Parking Signage at Jefferson School

The committee discussed how the current signage on the east side of the road shows no parking. Seth would like to have it changed to no stopping, standing or parking. This is due to school children crossing the street during pickups, making it a dangerous area with cars driving by. As the signage currently stands, this is not illegal because parents are waiting in cars. Seth also talked to the principal of the school, and they were in agreement. The purpose would be to keep kids from crossing the street entirely. A motion was made by Seth for updated signage. Ther motion was seconded by Brian, all approved.

6.3. 77 Grove Place

Josie spoke with a citizen who lives on this corner, and they have had multiple instances of cars running into their property. This area is on a heavy curve with a small curb. The committee previously approved signage several years ago, but that was never installed. Those signs will be installed, and the committee will continue to discuss possibly adding a larger curb and overhead light to help drivers see the approaching curve in the road. A motion was made by Trent to monitor the area once signs are installed. The motion was seconded by Seth, all approved.

6.4. Nominations for Traffic Safety Committee Chair

This is Josie's last meeting and the committee discussed nominations for a new chair. After discussion, Trent made a motion to nominate Seth for the Traffic Safety Committee chair. The motion was seconded by Brian, all approved.

Any Other Business to Come Before the Committee

Josie noted that Court Street isn't completely done as Ameren crews and consultants will be finishing electrical work and touch-ups. This includes stoplights at Parkway and Stadium Drive. Josie asked for more Police presence when those stoplights go into effect at Stadium Drive as they are new and Police can help with any potential hazards while drivers get used to the new lights.

Adjourn