

CITY OF PEKIN TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES
OCTOBER 5, 2012 @ 8:30 a.m.
CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM

PRESENT: Greg Nelson, Joe Wuellner, Kurt Nelson, Tim Gillespie, Mike Guerra, Will Taylor. Also present: Bill Scarcliff, Bob Van Den Arend, Lee Ann Wrhel.

Joe made a motion to approve the meeting agenda. Kurt seconded. All in favor.

Tim made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 7, 2012 meeting. Joe seconded. All in favor.

Old Business:

1. *Citywide Review of Narrow Street Parking Restrictions*

There has been a request from a council member for the committee to address this issue. The committee agrees that it needs to be addressed. There was discussion of how to go about it in the most efficient, consistent manner. The committee will then present options for City Council to consider. As a place to start, Mike gathered initial data and presented it to the committee that identifies street widths. He will gather more data for the next meeting. All members of the committee were asked to do research to find what other cities are doing that is working for them to present at the next meeting. The Traffic Safety Committee issues are with parking on narrow streets and also unregulated parking on streets citywide.

New Business:

1. *Uncontrolled "T" Intersections*

There is a request for a stop sign at the "T" intersection of Avon at Stratford. Will made a motion to make a recommendation to City Council for placement of a stop sign on Avon southbound at Stratford. Tim seconded the motion. All in favor. Will was tasked with reviewing all "T" intersections in town for review.

2. *Request for 4-Way Stop @ Washington and 6th Street*

After discussion of this request, Will made a motion to leave this area as is. Joe seconded the motion. All in favor. The reason for this decision is that Washington Street is a through street and there are dedicated crosswalks at this location. The citizen who made this request will be notified of the decision.

3. *Request for California Rd. @ Sheridan Rd. - Stop on California Rd. Only*

After discussion of this request, Kurt made a motion leave this area as is at this time. Joe seconded the motion. All in favor. The reason for this

decision is that the line of sight at this location warrants the stop signs that are in place. This item will be revisited when the road construction in that area is complete. The citizen who made this request will be notified of the decision.

4. *Citizen Letter/Various Topics – No Particular Location*

Bob Van Den Arend (1903 St. Clair, 346-9510) submitted this letter and was in attendance at the meeting. He feels that the appearance of neighborhoods is a reflection of why people are reluctant to move to Pekin. He stated that, in his opinion, Pekin needs a dedicated code enforcement division with a code enforcement officer. He asked about the function of Parking Enforcement. Greg stated that it is full-time parking enforcement. He also stated that he feels the on-street parking needs to be addressed to get back control of the items that are being parked and left on the streets in neighborhoods. He is looking for a solution to these issues that he feels are adding to the demise of Pekin. He said he started with this committee because of the street parking issue.

The Traffic Safety Committee agrees that there are issues with parking on the street. Joe stated that streets are made for travel, not parking. Greg let him know that some of the code enforcement issues aren't within the realm of the Traffic Safety Committee. Joe explained the process of code violation enforcement.

5. *No Parking Request – Cherry Lane/Point East*

6. *No Parking Request – Wildwood/Highwood*

This request was prompted by the decision made by Pekin Public School District #108 to add bus stops in these locations that will require school busses to back up. After discussion, Mike made a motion to leave both areas as is for now. Kurt seconded the motion. All in favor.

Around the Table

Tim stated that on North Shore and Charles/Avon there are boats on the street that appear to be covered for the winter.

Mike reported that Petri Lane will likely be open in a week or so. Greg stated that when it is open the Speed Spy will be placed there to monitor speed.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lee Ann Wrhel

NEXT REGULAR MEETING NOVEMBER 2, 2012 @ 8:30 A.M.