

CITY OF PEKIN TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES
JUNE 7, 2013 @ 8:30 a.m.
CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM

PRESENT: Greg Nelson, Joe Wuellner, Kurt Nelson, Mike Guerra.

Also present: Bill Scarcliff, Jim Kaminski, Bob Van Den Arend, Sharon Harris (Pekin Times Reporter), Lee Ann Wrhel.

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

Joe made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of May 3, 2013. Kurt seconded the motion. All in favor.

Old Business:

1. *Parking Restrictions/Overnight Parking - Status*
After discussion of this topic, Mike made a motion to hold off on this project until the committee receives further direction from City Council. Joe seconded the motion. All in favor.
2. *5th St./8th St./Willow St. Configuration (Progress Update)*
Mike provided an update on this intersection configuration. IDOT is willing to continue the study of this location, will monitor the traffic flow and then have a meeting to review the results and discuss options. Mike will report back on this issue when he receives another update from IDOT.

New Business:

1. *New Committee Member*
The new committee member, Ron Mayeur, was unable to attend the meeting.
2. *Traffic Control Signage – Lawndale & N. 13th Street*
There was a citizen request from Charlene Oberle (1507 N. 13th Street, 347-1245) for a stop sign on Lawndale at N. 13th Street. Due to pedestrian traffic to and from school in this location Joe made a motion to make a recommendation to City Council for placement of a stop sign on the southeast corner of Lawndale at N. 13th Street. Kurt seconded the motion. All in favor. The citizen who made this request will be notified.
3. *Sidewalk/Bike Lane on Koch Street*
The new athletic park has now opened along Koch Street. Pedestrian access as well sufficient parking is at issue. Mike will put together some options for consideration to present and discuss at the next meeting.
4. *Parking on Sabella*
This item has been a topic of discussion at these meetings in the past. Joe made a motion to leave this area as is. Kurt seconded the motion. All in favor.

5. *Sign Request – N 4th Street (warning of one-way)*

There was a citizen request from Chuck Caudill (901 N. 4th Street, 360-9708) for additional signage regarding the one-way street. After discussion of this item, it was noted that this area is properly marked. Joe made a motion to leave the area as is. Mike seconded the motion. All in favor. The citizen who made this request will be notified.

Around the Table

Joe stated that earlier in the week there was a pedestrian accident at the bike path crossing on Broadway at 20th Street. It was noted that this location is marked as a pedestrian way. The signage in this location will be improved and the flashing yellow lights that had been in place on Parkway prior to the installation of the HAWK system will be installed in this location. It is solar powered and it will be programmed to the “push to activate mode”.

Mike received a request from a citizen who lives on Parkfield at Hanna Drive. They have a concern with speeding in that location. The traffic on Hanna has increased since it is now open through to 14th Street. The police department will monitor the area and step up enforcement.

Greg announced that due to the fact that he will be out of the office at the FBI Academy at Quantico, Virginia from mid July to mid September, Jim Kaminski (Deputy Chief of Police) will serve in his place during this absence.

Due to lack of quorum, Kurt made a motion to cancel the regular meeting scheduled for July 3, 2013. Bill seconded the motion. All in favor. The proper notifications will be made.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lee Ann Wrhel

NEXT REGULAR MEETING AUGUST 2, 2013 @ 8:30 A.M.