

CITY OF PEKIN TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES
AUGUST 2, 2013 @ 8:30 a.m.
CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM

PRESENT: Kurt Nelson, Mike Guerra, Bob Shaw, Will Taylor, Ron Mayeur
Also present: Don Baxter (for Greg Nelson), Bill Scarcliff, Lee Ann Wrhel.

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

Ron made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of June 7, 2013. Kurt seconded the motion. All in favor.

Old Business:

1. *Sidewalk/Bike Lane on Koch Street*

Mike reported that he is working with Bob Blackwell, Pekin Park District and Pamela Anderson on the sidewalk in this location. At this time, HUD has awarded the money for the sidewalk and Mike is getting the work out for bid. He gave some possible options for a bike lane in the future.

New Business:

1. *New Committee Member*

The newly appointed citizen representative committee member is Ron Mayeur, 907 Hamilton St. (309-678-7045, ronaldmayeur@yahoo.com)

2. *Traffic Control Signage – Intersection of S. Sixth & South*

The committee received a citizen request to change the yield signs at this intersection from North/South Sixth Street traffic to East/West South Street traffic. It was noted that this change would make this intersection consistent with the other intersections in that area of town. Will made a motion to make a recommendation to City Council for consideration of changing the yield signs at this intersection. Don seconded the motion. All in favor except Ron. The citizen who made this request will be notified.

3. *Traffic Control Signage – Intersection of Grandview & Commonwealth*

The committee received a citizen request to change the yield sign on Grandview to a stop sign, or relocate the yield sign for better visibility. After discussion, Mike made a motion to relocate the yield sign at this intersection for better visibility. Don seconded the motion. All in favor. The citizen who made this request will be notified.

4. *Blind Person Sign Request – 1508 S. Third*

The committee received a citizen request for a blind person sign in the 1500 Block of S. Third Street. After discussion of this request, Kurt made a motion to install "Blind Person" signs (one in each direction) in the 1500 Block of S. Third Street as long as the city received a letter from the doctor verifying this condition. Ron seconded the motion. All in favor. The citizen who made this request will be notified and informed of the procedure.

5. *“Not a Thru Street” or “Dead End” Sign Request – Brookview*

The committee received a citizen request for a “Not a Thru Street” or Dead End” sign at the entrance of Brookview. It is noted that there is already a “Dead End” sign in place in that location. Don made a motion to leave this area as is. Kurt seconded the motion All in favor. The citizen who made this request will be notified.

6. *Intersection of 14th & Derby – Lane Usage Arrows*

The committee received a request from a council member to review the design of the lane usage arrows in this location. The committee agreed that this design appears awkward, however, this is a high traffic intersection in town and this design works to move the traffic in this location. The striping at this intersection will be redone for better visibility. Will made a motion to leave this intersection as is. Ron seconded the motion. All in favor.

7. *Speed Limit Request – Parkway 35 mph from Broadway to Court*

The committee received a request from a council member to consider increasing the speed limit in this location. After discussion of this request, due to pedestrian safety concerns, Don made a motion to leave the speed limit in this location at the current 30 mph. Kurt seconded the motion. All in favor.

8. *Speed Limit Request – Broadway 30 mph from 14th to Parkway*

The committee received a request from a council member to consider decreasing the speed limit in this location. The striping has been updated in the crosswalk to draw more attention to it. Also, in light of the “Around the Table” discussion from the June 2013 meeting, it was noted that 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”. Bill made a motion to follow through with this plan and leave the current speed limit of 35 mph in place in this location. Don seconded the motion. All in favor.

9. *“No Left Turn” from Stadium onto Court Street*

The committee received a request from a council member for consideration of a “No Left Turn” sign on Stadium at Court Street. Accident history of this location indicates that there are actually more accidents in this location when vehicles are turning right from Stadium onto Court Street. Ron made a motion to leave this location as is. Bill seconded the motion. All in favor.

Around the Table

Shani Womeldorff, 1110 Charlotte, 241-9186, has made a request to have the “Handicapped” sign on her block changed to “Deaf Child”. She noted that her son is deaf, not handicapped. A letter will be sent to her explaining the procedure to get this accomplished. This item will be placed on the next agenda for approval.

The pipeline contractor made a request (too late for the meeting agenda) for changing the intersection of S. Fifth Street and Hanna Drive to a four-way stop. This will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

Mike gave an update of the 5th/8th/Willow configuration. IDOT will get the traffic study numbers to him in the near future. They had to redo the study. He expects to receive the information in the next couple weeks.

Will reported that the bushes on Parkway in the ditch by Stoneybrook are overgrown again and need to be cut back.

Ron reported that vehicles are parking very close to the intersection on N. 11th Street at Sheridan. He also stated that vehicles are parking on 11th Street near Schnucks overnight. There will be extra patrol in these locations.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lee Ann Wrhel

NEXT REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 6, 2013 @ 8:30 A.M.