

CITY OF PEKIN TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES
NOVEMBER 1, 2013 @ 8:30 a.m.
CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM

PRESENT: Joe Wuellner, Greg Nelson, Kurt Nelson, Mike Guerra, Bob Shaw, Will Taylor, Ron Mayeur

Also present: Jim Kaminski, Bill Scarcliff, Lloyd Orrick, Lee Ann Wrhel

Old Business:

1. *Crosswalk on 14th St. at Koch St.*

This item had been on last month's agenda. Joe requested that Bob put traffic counters in that location. After further discussion of this location, Joe made a motion to take down the school crossing sign and repaint the crosswalk in the spring and add ladder stripes to make it more visible. Kurt seconded the motion. All in favor. The citizen who made the request will be notified.

New Business:

1. *Flashing Stop Sign on Sheridan Rd. at Veterans Dr.*

At this meeting date, this request had already been taken care of. Greg will check the code regarding the removal of the stop sign at Sheridan Rd. and California Rd. that was discussed at last month's meeting. ** After the meeting it was confirmed that this stop sign is not in the city code. The sign can be taken down without council action.

2. *3-Way Stop @ Arrow St. and Stoneybrook St.*

The traffic conditions in this location do not warrant a 3-way stop. Will made a motion to leave the area as is. Joe seconded the motion. All in favor. Enforcement will be stepped up in this area and the radar trailer will be put there to raise awareness of the speed that vehicles are traveling there. The citizen who made the request will be notified.

3. *2-Way Traffic, S. 4th St. from Broadway Rd. to Washington St.*

Jeff Brooks, Library Director of Pekin Public Library was in attendance regarding this agenda item. He distributed copies of the preliminary site plan for the library remodel that shows where the main parking lot and entrance would be after the remodel is complete. Greg explained the history of the streets being one way. After discussion, Will made a motion to make a recommendation to City Council to change the 300 block of S. 4th St. and the 300 block of S. Capitol St. from one way to 2-way traffic from Broadway Rd. to Washington St. Ron seconded the motion. All in favor. All residents in the 300 block of S. 4th St. and the 300 block of S. Capitol St. will be notified by letter that this will be an agenda item for the City Council meeting of November 25, 2013.

4. *Parking Restriction on Hillyer St. at S. 6th St.*

Charlotte McGovern, 502 S. 6th Street, 267-2772 was in attendance at this meeting as she had made this request. She lives at the corner of Hillyer St. and S. 6th St. She is concerned about the congestion in this location. She stated that vehicles park on

Hillyer St. near the intersection with S. 6th St. on both sides and stay there all day. She said the parking situation started in the summer and after school started, with the extra traffic there, it is worse. Joe explained the history of why the signs were taken down in 2010. Kurt made a motion to table this request until there are results regarding the narrow street issue. This request could come back as a side issue if not resolved by the narrow street topic. Joe seconded the motion. All in favor. The committee will keep her updated on the progress of the narrow street topic and will work to resolve it in one way or the other. Greg explained the process involved in making this type of change.

5. *Handicapped Parking Space on Koch St. @ 1522 Mechanic St.*

After review of the request, Will made a motion to leave the area as is. Ron seconded the motion. All in favor. The citizen who made the request will be notified of the decision.

Around the Table

Following up on the item from last month regarding the Allentown Rd. bus stop, there will be a flashing yellow solar light with hood installed over the dangerous curve sign instead of a school bus stop sign.

Greg had been approached about the intersection of N. 4th St. and Matilda St. during the times of day when traffic is present for school drop off and pick up. The speed spy will be put in that location to monitor traffic and it will also be addressed through enforcement.

Mike and Jim are working on a proposal regarding narrow streets for the City Council to review.

Ron asked for input about adding a 3-way stop at 14th St. and Koch St. Because of the offset, there is no easy solution for a traffic control device in that location.

Mike will look into options for a barrier at the end of Veteran's Dr. at Sheridan Rd.

Mike reported that VFW Rd. is closed for approximately 2 months.

Will stated that the speed sign going east on Mall Rd. is very faded. He asked if it could be replaced.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lee Ann Wrhel

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