

CITY OF PEKIN TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES
AUGUST 7, 2015 @ 8:30 a.m.
CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM

PRESENT: Mike Guerra, Kurt Nelson, Bob Shaw, Don Baxter, Will Taylor.
Also present: Bill Scarcliff, Lee Ann Wrhel.

Mike Guerra was designated Chairman for this meeting in the absence of Chairman Darin Girdler, City Manager.

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m.

Motion by Don to approve the agenda, seconded by Kurt. All in favor.

Motion by Will to approve the June 5, 2015 meeting minutes, seconded by Don. All in favor.

Old Business:

1. *200 Block of Elm St. (Between Mechanic St. and S. 3rd St.) – Review Survey Results*
Based on the survey results, Kurt made a motion to leave this area as is. Don seconded the motion. All in favor.

New Business:

1. *Traffic Lights at 4th St. & Court St. and Capitol St. & Court St. – Conversion Test Period to Move Stop Signs*

This request was presented by Leigh Ann Brown, Economic Development/Tourism Coordinator. In an effort to make downtown more pedestrian friendly she is requesting consideration of a conversion test period to move to stop signs instead of the traffic signals that are currently in place at the intersections of 4th Street & Court St. and Capitol St. & Court St. The recommendation is to first notify the public, then either bag the lights or put them in flash mode along with temporary stop signs beginning September 1, 2015, then schedule a public hearing and then make the final decision regarding whether the change will be permanent. Will made a motion to proceed with the conversion test period to consider moving to stop signs at these intersections. Kurt seconded the motion. All in favor. Letters will be sent out to businesses in the immediate area. It will also be put out on Channel 22 and the Pekin Police Department Facebook page.

2. *Request for Parking Passes for Visitors – 1300 Block of Center St.*

After discussion of this request as presented by Frank Locascio, 1300 Center Street, (267-8234) in the Around the Table portion of the last meeting, Kurt made a motion to include one visitor parking pass with each resident parking pass on Center Street on an annual basis. Don seconded the motion. All in favor. The resident will be notified of this decision.

3. *Stop Sign Request on S. 13th at Meyers Ct.*

This request was presented by the same citizen listed in Item #2. Based on a similar request and decision that included this location made at the May 1, 2015 Traffic Safety Committee meeting, Bob made a motion to leave this area as is. Don seconded the motion. All in favor. The citizen will be notified of this decision. The entry from the May 1, 2015 minutes is as follows:

Stop Sign Requests – S. 13th St. from Park Ave. to Derby St.
This item was reviewed after the SpeedSpy collected data and Ptm. Will Taylor monitored the area for enforcement. It was noted the traffic volume in this area is low and the monitoring by the police produced no speeding violations. Based on the information provided, Kurt made a motion to leave the area as is. Jim seconded the motion. All in favor.

4. Speed Limit on S. 5th St. from Koch St. to Hanna Dr.

This item was at the request of Marilyn Kelso, 1832 Parkfield (346-2955). She is unhappy with the decision to change this area from 45 mph to 30 mph. She inquired as to when and why the speed limit was changed. She was referred to the decision that was made regarding this speed limit at the October 4, 2013 Traffic Safety Committee meeting. The entry regarding this item is as follows:

Speed Limit Signs – 5th St. to VFW Rd.

The current speed limit signs in this location are not consistent for northbound and southbound traffic. Will made a motion to make a recommendation to City Council for the speed limit in both directions be 30 mph from Koch St. to Hanna Dr. and 45 mph from Hanna Dr. to VFW Rd. Ron seconded the motion. All in favor.

Based on this previous decision, Bob made a motion to leave the area as is. Will seconded the motion. All in favor.

5. Traffic Back Ups Turning onto Barney Ave. from Court St.

Gary Piro, owner of My Beautiful Balloons and Gifts contacted the committee with this concern. He is concerned with traffic that gets backed up waiting to turn into the drive-through at the upper Court Street McDonalds. After discussion, Will made a motion to leave this area as is and the committee will review this request again after the lower Court Street McDonald's re-opens to see if that alleviates this issue. Don seconded the motion. All in favor. Mr. Piro will be notified.

6. "No Parking From Here to Entrance" Sign Request – Koch St. at Sports Complex

Pekin Park District Executive Director Cameron Bettin and Pekin Park District Police Chief Tom Conlin attended the meeting for this item. They requested signs be put up on each side of each entrance to the complex from Koch Street. Kurt made a motion to place signs 30 feet from each side of each entrance in this location. Will seconded. All in favor. It was noted after the meeting that language regarding no parking 30 feet from each side of each entrance had been approved by City Council October 15, 2013. As he requested, the Executive Director of Pekin Park District will be notified that this item will not need to go before City Council.

7. Speeding Concern – 1500 Block Summer St.

The committee received a request from Audrey Aimone, 1511 Summer St., (642-1651, 925-7587) regarding this agenda item as well as Item #8. This item is also related to Item #6. At this time, Item #6 will be addressed and the area will be monitored regarding designated crosswalks across Koch Street as a way to alleviate the traffic concerns in this area. Will made a motion to leave this area as is. Bob seconded the motion. All in favor. The citizen will be notified of the action being taken at this time.

8. Request for Designated Crosswalks Across Koch St. at Sports Complex

This concern was brought to the committee by the same citizen listed in Item #7. This area will continue to be monitored after the "No Parking From Here to Entrance" signs are put in place to determine if designated crosswalks are necessary and if so, where they should be placed. The citizen will be notified.

9. No Parking Sign Request, Alley 1200 Block of S. Third St. at Derby St.

This request was brought to the committee by Tim Himmel, 1204 S. Third, (208-5010). He is concerned with tenants of apartments in the immediate area parking vehicles in this alley. After

discussion of this request, Mr. Himmel will be notified that this will be handled on a complaint driven basis by the police department. When vehicles are parked in this location and blocking the alley, he will be directed to contact the police department to handle the matter.

10. Intersection of Court St. & Reservoir Rd.

Traffic Unit Officer Shaun Ivey attended the meeting regarding this issue. He is asking for consideration of making entry onto Court St. from Reservoir Rd. right turn only. Mike will forward the concern on to Hanson Engineering for their recommendation. Mike reported that this location is being reviewed as a part of the Court Street Update project.

11. 3-Way Stop Sign Request Quail Hollow Rd. at Sierra Dr.

This request was made by Becky Cloyd, 1900 Quail Hollow (202-7323). Will made a motion to leave this area as is. Don seconded the motion. All in favor. Will indicated that the location will be monitored for enforcement. The citizen will be notified.

12. 26 Ashwood Lane, Traffic Line of Sight

Scott Robinson, 2342 Lakeshore Drive, (453-4921) attended the meeting regarding this issue. He is building a home at #27 Ashwood. He has a concern with the fence that the homeowner at #26 Ashwood is in the process of installing. He is concerned with the line of sight for traffic in that location. The members of the committee had each gone out and checked the area. It was the consensus of the committee that the fence would not be an obstruction for traffic line of sight. The committee recommended that Mr. Robinson address his concern with Zoning, as this is not a matter for the Traffic Safety Committee.

Around the Table

Shelly Applegate, 1521 Southmoor, (267-7321) came in at the end of the meeting with concerns regarding speeding traffic on her street during events at the sports complex on Koch Street. She stated that the problem seems to be the worst between 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. during the week. When possible, the police department will monitor the traffic in this location during this time frame. Don also directed her to contact him directly with any further concerns.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lee Ann Wrhel

NEXT REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 4, 2015 @ 8:30 A.M.