

**CITY OF PEKIN TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**OCTOBER 2, 2015 @ 8:30 a.m.**  
**CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM**

PRESENT: Darin Girdler, Mike Guerra, Bob Shaw, Dennis Zimmerman.  
Also present: Don Baxter, Leigh Ann Brown, Rick Cox, Lee Ann Wrhel.

The meeting was called to order at 8:40 a.m.

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

Motion by Mike to approve the September 4, 2015 meeting minutes, seconded by Don. All in favor.

**Old Business:**

*1. Stop Sign Request on N. Capitol St. @ Amanda St. or Illinois St.*

The SpeedSpy malfunctioned when it was originally placed in this location. It was checked over and will be placed back in this location to obtain traffic stats. The citizen who made this request, Nick Rinaldo, is aware that it is being deferred to the November meeting.

*2. Discussion on the Status of Downtown Traffic Light Study*

Mike reported that there are no line of sight issues at these intersections. The police department stats report no accidents, no reported issues and only 1 ticket (which was unrelated to the intersection). The majority of the feedback from the community has been favorable. The intersections are more efficient and convenient for pedestrians with the stop signs as opposed to stop lights. The negative feedback that had been received was prior to the change being put in place. The street department is working on a report regarding the repair history for the traffic lights at these intersections. At this stage of the study the traffic lights will be bagged and the stop signs will be placed higher. Mike is researching ways to hang the stop signs to fit in with the style of the other poles downtown. It was noted that TIF can be used to purchase poles and pay for the installation. This item will remain on the Traffic Safety Committee agenda until the study is completed.

*3. Rosemary's Crossing – Yield Sign Requests at Cross Streets (Follow Up)*

The citizen who made this request, Shelly Billingsley - Property Manager, asked for a further explanation of the decision that had been made at the last meeting for this item. It was noted that the amount of traffic and the sight lines at these cross streets are not within the MUTCD guidelines. Mike will forward a copy of the guidelines to Darin and he will contact her with a further explanation.

## **New Business:**

### *1. Speed Limit Signs – N. Third St.*

A citizen called requesting speed limit signs on N. Third Street. The speed limit in all residential areas of Pekin is 30 mph if it is not posted. Mike made a motion to have the radar trailer placed there to make drivers aware of their speed. Darin seconded. All in favor. It was noted that patrol has been doing details there in the mornings with no results.

### *2. “Do Not Enter” Signs at the Intersection of N. Capitol St. @ Willow St.*

Karen Wyss, 331 Henrietta (613-1439) made a request asking for consideration of signage to alert motorists of the status of N. Capitol St. as a one-way street. Discussion of this request resulted in the consensus that due to the configuration of this intersection, it is a good idea to put these signs in place. Mike made a motion to install “Do Not Enter” signs on the back of the stop signs in this location. Don seconded. All in favor.

### Around the Table

Mike reported that the Veterans Drive project is coming along. It is anticipated that the opening of the section between Towerline Rd. and S. 14<sup>th</sup> St. will be reestablished by the end of the month. He also reported that the work on the curve on Allentown Rd. is running a little bit behind schedule.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lee Ann Wrhel

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING NOVEMBER 6, 2015 @ 8:30 A.M.**