

**CITY OF PEKIN TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**NOVEMBER 6, 2015 @ 8:30 a.m.**  
**CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM**

PRESENT: Darin Girdler, Kurt Nelson, John Dossey, Mike Guerra, Bob Shaw, Will Taylor.

Also present: Bill Scarcliff, Lee Ann Wrhel.

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

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

Motion by Mike to approve the October 2, 2015 meeting minutes, seconded by Darin. All in favor.

**Old Business:**

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

The motor unit worked this area for enforcement, no issues noted. The SpeedSpy unit is still down. The radar trailer was placed there for awareness. Will made a motion to leave the area is with increased enforcement and directed patrol. Kurt seconded. All in favor.

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

Mike asked for this item to be on the December agenda for a vote to make a recommendation to City Council. The traffic control lights have been turned off and the heads have been turned. Motorists are getting used to the change. It was noted that when the CityLink busses are parked at the bus stop, the sign in that location is not visible. There was discussion of either placing stop signs on both sides of the streets or signs in the middle for better visibility. Costs of the traffic signals for each intersection since April 2011 were reported as: Court @ Capitol \$9,000 in repairs, \$400 yearly electricity; Court at 4<sup>th</sup> \$6,000 in repairs, \$400 yearly electricity.

**New Business:**

*1. Handicapped Parking Spaces - Discussion*

Mike presented information he has received recently regarding the Americans with Disabilities Act requirements for handicapped parking spaces. We are up-to-date on current regulations regarding handicapped sidewalks. The requirement for marked on-street parking is one handicapped stall for every 25 parking stalls.

*2. Crosswalk Button Request – Intersection of Koch St. and S. 2<sup>nd</sup> St.*

Laura Nickels, 1228 S. 6<sup>th</sup> St., who works at Pacific Ethanol (Aventine) made this request as she stated that several people, herself included, walk to work. Pacific Ethanol has been contacted and informed that this request must be made to the State of Illinois because there is no sidewalk on Distillery Rd.

3. Crosswalk – Broadway at 20<sup>th</sup> St.

Michelle Prater and Beth Wolford (Housing Authority of the City of Pekin) attended this meeting on behalf of Dennis Green, Executive Director, Housing Authority of the City of Pekin. They presented a letter asking for consideration of warning lights at the crosswalk on Broadway Rd. at 20<sup>th</sup> St. It was noted that originally this area is part of the bike trail. One option would be installation of a HAWK signal similar to the one on Parkway Dr. at Coal Miner's Park at a cost of \$40,000 to \$60,000. Another option would be the installation of rapid blinking beacon signage at a cost of \$10,000 for the equipment and installation process. This system is button activated and provides more visibility for motorists. This signal system is not yet approved by MUTCD and a request for exemption would need to be submitted prior to installation. This approval process normally takes one to three months.

Kurt made a motion to approach the Pekin Park District regarding partnering for the funding and to address this matter further at the next meeting. Will seconded. All in favor. Mike will review the bike trail intergovernmental agreement.

4. *Consideration for Speed Reduction – S. 18<sup>th</sup> St.*

Julie Thompson made this request on behalf of Jimmy and Anna Rule, 1503 18<sup>th</sup> St. The request was for a reduction of the speed limit in this area of 18<sup>th</sup> St. to between 15 and 25 mph. Will reported that this area has been worked as directed patrol on day shift. There were no incidents to report. Will made a motion to leave the area as is and continue to monitor the area through enforcement. Kurt seconded. All in favor.

5. *Intersection of S. 7<sup>th</sup> St. and Derby St.*

Discussion of this location was placed on the agenda due to a recent accident and safety concern from City Council. Kurt made a recommendation for City Council to discuss removal of the angled parking in this location in front of the restaurant due to their recent safety concern in this area. Mike seconded. All in favor.

6. *Signage Request for the Curve on S. 10<sup>th</sup> St.*

This concern was brought by an anonymous phone message. Mike made a motion to leave the area as is. Will seconded. All in favor.

Around the Table

Will brought up a bush that is blocking a fire hydrant and the line of sight at the corner of Barbara Rd. and James Rd. The property owner will be contacted to cut/remove the bush from that location.

Will asked for clarification of whether or not N. Third St. is one lane or two. It is two lanes. Due to liability, lane lines cannot be painted on the street.

Will asked for clarification of the status of Lakeshore as a truck route. It is not a truck route. "No Truck Route" signs can be put on Lakeshore and business owners can be made aware and asked to inform their delivery drivers. There was discussion of making Brenkman Drive a truck route. This item will be put on the December agenda to be discussed for a recommendation.

There was discussion of getting the word out regarding the snow removal policy in the city so that all citizens are aware. The police department will put the information out on their FaceBook page on a regular, ongoing basis.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lee Ann Wrhel

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