

CITY OF PEKIN TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES
JUNE 3, 2016 @ 8:30 a.m.
CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM

PRESENT: Kurt Nelson, Mike Guerra, Sarah Newcomb, Bob Shaw, Will Taylor, Dennis Zimmerman.

Also present: Don Baxter, Bill Scarcliff, Lee Ann Wrhel.

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

Motion by Sarah to approve the agenda, seconded by Dennis. All in favor.

Motion by Dennis to approve the May 6, 2016 meeting minutes, seconded by Sarah. All in favor.

Old Business:

1. Flashing Beacon Lighting – Broadway Rd. @ 20th St. – Update

Mike reported that he will be sending a letter to PCHS School District #303 seeking their participation in funding. Pekin Park District will be participating in the funding of this project. The lighting is in the process of being installed. This item will be back on the next agenda for an update.

2. Traffic Speed – Upper Willow St. – Update

Due to the results from the traffic monitoring device in this location which indicated that speeding is not an issue, Bill made a motion to leave this area as is at this time. Will seconded the motion. All in favor.

New Business:

1. Handicapped Parking Space Request – 343 Buena Vista

Dottie McComas (346-7458) attended the meeting to speak on this agenda item on behalf of St. Paul Episcopal Church. The church is requesting an additional handicapped parking space in front of their building which is located at 343 Buena Vista. She indicated that they have an aging population in their congregation and could benefit from an additional handicapped space (there is currently one handicapped parking space in front of the church). Kurt indicated that it appears there is plenty of room in that location for a second handicapped parking space. Will made a motion to make a recommendation to City Council for consideration of placement of an additional handicapped parking space in this location as long as space allows for it. Don seconded the motion. All in favor.

2. Stop Sign Request – Easter @ Columbus

Lisa Huseman, 2202 Easter (309-267-6468) and Cassie VanDusen, 2205 Easter (641-530-8879) attended the meeting to speak on this agenda item. They are

concerned with the speed of traffic coming through their neighborhood. It was noted that there are currently stop signs in place on Columbus. After discussion, it was suggested to either change the stop signs from Columbus to Easter or make the intersection a 4-way stop. Will made a motion to make a recommendation to City Council for consideration of a 4-way stop at the intersection of Easter and Columbus. Dennis seconded the motion. All in favor.

Around the Table

Pamela Anderson attended the meeting with a request for consideration of “no right turn on red” at the intersection of Broadway and 14th Street. She has been contacted by a blind citizen who uses this intersection to access CityLink bus service. It was noted that this intersection already has audible signals in place. There was a question regarding whether the CityLink route can be changed. It was noted that the citizen is checking with CityLift to see if she qualifies for that service. This will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

Mike reported that the road construction work on VFW at the crossing is scheduled to begin next week. Currently, August is the target time to open it to traffic. He also reported that there will be construction to the railroad crossing at Washington and 2nd Street in the next month or so. The detour will be Derby to 14th Street. It is expected to take a week.

Bob reported that street painting downtown will begin Monday on third shift, weather permitting.

Will has been approached by an officer regarding traffic at the end of East Shore Drive. The residents in that area are asking for a “no outlet” sign. The Street Department will go out and install a sign at Arlan.

Kurt reported that the traffic control near the East Side Fire Station is not working properly, making it difficult for fire trucks to exit onto Court Street due to traffic.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lee Ann Wrhel

NEXT REGULAR MEETING JULY 1, 2016 @ 8:30 A.M.