

**CITY OF PEKIN TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES
OCTOBER 7, 2016 @ 8:30 a.m.
CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM**

PRESENT: Kurt Nelson, John Dossey, Mike Guerra, Sarah Newcomb, Bob Shaw, Will Taylor.

Also present: Lee Ann Wrhel.

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

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

Motion by John to approve the September 2, 2016 meeting minutes, seconded by Will. All in favor.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

1. Lakeshore Drive – Truck Traffic

Last November letters were sent out to the businesses on Lakeshore Dr. regarding truck traffic. The letter asked the businesses to make their delivery drivers aware that Lakeshore Dr. is not a truck route. The truck traffic decreased for a while, however, over time it has increased again. After discussion, the committee will send letters out to the businesses on Lakeshore Dr. again informing them of the situation, signs will be posted, and enforcement will be stepped up in the residential section of Lakeshore Dr.

2. Jefferson School – Drop Off Zone Request

Ptm. Fitzanko brought this request to the committee. After discussion of the traffic safety concerns in this location, John made a motion to make a recommendation to City Council to implement no parking from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday on the east side of the 900 Block of S. Capitol St. from Park Ave. to 140 feet south of Prince St. Sarah seconded the motion. All in favor. It was further noted that for the future, Glayn Worrell from District #108 will be invited to discuss/evaluate matters of traffic safety at each school prior to the beginning of the school year.

3. Griffin Drive – Speed Limit Signs

Ptm. W. Taylor brought this item to the committee. He noted that there have been a number of speeding tickets issued in this location. He asked about posting speed limit signs for traffic in both directions reminding motorists that the speed limit there is 30 mph. There will be a speed limit sign posted on Griffin Dr. for traffic coming from Veteran's Dr. and another posted near the dome for traffic headed towards Veteran's Dr.

4. Matilda – Intersections of N. 9th St. and N. 10th St.

Ptm. W. Taylor brought this item to the committee for review. After discussion of this location, and due to the low volume of traffic in this area, John made a motion to leave this area as is. Will seconded the motion. All in favor.

5. Low Speed Vehicle Usage – City Streets

This item was brought to the committee via email from a citizen asking for an ordinance to prohibit the use of low speed vehicles on city streets. This item will be addressed at the next meeting after review of state law and sample ordinances. Sarah will notify the citizen who made the request.

6. Broadway – Pedestrian Accidents

This item was placed on the agenda in light of the recent pedestrian accidents in this location. Mike will look into updating the timing of the crosswalk signals at Broadway Rd. and Parkway Dr. In addition, the same signs will be placed at this intersection that were placed at Broadway Rd. and 14th St. to raise awareness of pedestrians at the intersection.

Around the Table

There was discussion of the intersection of N. 11th St. and Charlotte St. in light of the rollover accident that occurred there yesterday afternoon. It was noted that there is a tree that is blocking the stop sign in that location. Bob indicated that uplifting of trees for increased visibility is being discussed.

Mike received an inquiry regarding the intersection of Parkway Dr. and Court St. not being accessible for pedestrians. He indicated that this intersection is being considered for redesign.

Mike reported that there are traffic signs in town that need to be replaced to meet current guidelines.

There was discussion of the intersections of Veteran's Dr. at S. 5th St. and Veteran's Dr. at S. 14th St. There is concern about making sure motorists are aware that the traffic on Veteran's Dr. does not stop. It was noted that there are double stop signs in those locations. Lighted stop signs will be installed at both intersections to increase visibility for motorists.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lee Ann Wrhel

NEXT REGULAR MEETING NOVEMBER 4, 2016 @ 8:30 A.M.