

La Porte City Traffic Commission

The January meeting of the La Porte City Traffic Commission was held on January 8, 2019 in the conference room of the City Police Station. The following members were present:

Karyl Feikes – Chairperson	Andy Snyder – Secretary
Tim Stabosz	Tom Owens
Rip Ludlow	Miles Fettinger
Ron McAtee	Mike Fraze

The following items summarize the meeting:

1. The minutes of the December 4, 2018 meeting were approved as presented. Motion by Ron McAtee and seconded by Tom Owens.
2. There was no public comment.
3. Doug Biege attended the meeting as a follow up to the December meeting on behalf of the La Porte County Commissioners. The request to change Chicago St. near the post office to a two way street was discussed further. The Commission determined this was not advisable at this time and decided to take no action.
4. Mr. David Airy of 216 G St., Dan Fara of 203 G St. & Lou Biernacki of 208 F St. attended the meeting to express their opposition to any modifications of G St. between 1st & 2nd Streets. They also presented the Commission with a petition signed by 46 individuals opposing any modifications. Previous proposals requested by Bethany Lutheran Church were discussed further. Chief Owens presented a traffic study conducted at various times of the day and various days of the week to show traffic flow. The report showed minimal traffic at all times. A motion by Tim Stabosz was made to take no action at this time and monitor the traffic once the splash park was constructed and re-evaluate if modifications were needed at that time. Seconded by Rip Ludlow and passed unanimously
5. Vada Lea Kray's request to place stop signs at Michigan Ave. & Warwick St. was discussed further. It was decided not to propose stop signs at this time. Chief Owens indicated he would authorize the digital speed monitoring sign be installed in the area when weather permitted. Mike Fraze indicated he will have more 30 MPH speed signs installed for the length of Michigan Ave.
6. Mike reported he had posts installed to deter vehicles from mistakenly using the bike/walking trail by Starbuck's.
7. Mike also reported the signs had been installed on the north side of 10th St. to designate current parking restrictions by Handley School. He was awaiting utility locates before installing the signs on the south side of the street. This should be completed within a week.
8. The changes to Clear Lake Blvd. had not yet been completed to improve the ability of fire trucks and street department trucks to safely traverse the new roadway. The item will remain on the agenda until NIPSCO has moved the

utility pole on Kosciusko St. and the asphalt radiuses on West St. & Furnace St. have been extended.

9. A request from American Licorice to consider changing the name of Whirlpool Dr. to something different was presented for discussion. The Commission members indicated they would be open to this proposal and would entertain further discussion. Representatives from American Licorice will formulate a formal proposal and present it at the February meeting.
10. Rip Ludlow brought up safety concerns regarding the chicanes on I St. Tim Stabosz requested a list of accident reports for I St. between 20th St and the City Limit for the timeframe before the installation of the chicanes and another one from the timeframe after the installation of the chicanes. Chief Owens indicated he would have it available at the February meeting.

There being no further business a motion to adjourn was made by Ron McAtee and seconded by Rip Ludlow.

The next meeting of the Traffic Commission will be held at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, February 5, 2019 in the conference room of the City Police Station.

Respectfully submitted,

Andy Snyder, Secretary