

La Porte City Traffic Commission

The April meeting of the La Porte City Traffic Commission was held at the La Porte City Police Station Conference Room on April 11, 2023. The following members were present:

Karyl Feikes – Chairperson
Paul Brettin
Laura Konieczny

Andy Snyder – Secretary
Rip Ludlow

Mike Frazee
Sarah Ford

The following items summarize the meeting:

1. The minutes of the March 7, 2023 meeting were approved. Motion by Mike Frazee and seconded by Laura Konieczny.
2. **Public Comment** – Landon Galvis of 3301 Oakdale Ave. attended the meeting to express his concerns regarding pedestrian safety at the intersection of Tyler St. & Lincolnway. He indicated he works for the post office and has on multiple occasions witnessed pedestrians almost being hit by vehicles due to the nature of the traffic signal and the multiple lanes of traffic. The Commission advised Mr. Galvis that this intersection and right of way are controlled by INDOT. A contact number for INDOT customer service was provided to him and it was suggested he call this first to express his concerns.

Dean White attended the meeting to request better signage at the intersection of E. Jefferson & Rumely St. He indicated that since the intersection is offset and traffic on E. Jefferson does not have to stop it can be confusing and dangerous. Mike Frazee indicated he will take a look at the intersection and determine if additional signage will aid the situation.

3. Dean White and Kevin Gao of 701 Lincolnway attended the meeting to further discuss their request for the first parking space north of Lincolnway, on the west side of Monroe St. be designated as curb-side pickup for the Asian Fusion Restaurant. The Commission felt it might be unfair to other businesses if this was specific to Asian Fusion, so Paul Brettin made a motion to recommend to the City Council that this space be designated as a 15-minute space. Laura Konieczny seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
4. It was reported that the three parking restriction recommendations to facilitate the proposed Slicer Pathway Project will be presented to the City Council in ordinance form at the April 17th meeting. (They include 8th St. No Parking both sides between C St. & E St. & Restricted parking on the west side of A St. from 10th St. to 14th St. & Restricted parking on both sides of A St. from 14th St. to 18th St.).
5. The recommendation to change a parking space in the 700 block of Clay St. to a designated Loading/Unloading Zone was presented to the City Council at their April 3rd meeting. The requested parking space is the first spot north of the alley on the east

- side of the street. There were some questions by one of the City Council members as to how this might affect other businesses in the area and if this was the appropriate approach. The Commission revisited the item but felt that their original recommendation was the correct course of action and agreed to make no changes.
6. The recommendation of the Commission to support vacating of a section of the 900 block of State St. was presented to City Council at their 3/20/23 meeting and approved at the April 3rd meeting.
 7. Karyl reported that she has not had further discussion with Austin Epple, La Porte County Sheriff's Office School Resource Officer for La Porte High School, regarding concerns with the High School parking lot exit onto 10th St.
 8. The recommendation to request restricted parking for a distance of 30' from the corner on the east and south side of Stanley Ct. was presented to the City Council at their April 3rd meeting. It will be on the City Council agenda for a final vote at the April 17th meeting.
 9. The Commission will continue to monitor the parking situation and the dangers of pedestrians crossing the roadway in the area of The Dunes Event Center on Clear Lake Blvd. The Clear Lake Loop project should accommodate pedestrian traffic better. This project is expected to begin in the spring.
 10. The recommendations to the City Council to place stop signs at the intersections of Eason Ct. & 9th St. and D St. & 15th St. was presented to the City Council at their April 3rd meeting. It will be on the City Council agenda for a final vote at the April 17th meeting.
 11. The recommendation to change the 2-way stop at the intersection of Newporte Blvd and N. Madison to a 3-way stop had not yet been forwarded to the City Council. Andy Snyder will forward this to City Attorney Otis next week.
 12. Mike Frazee reported his department had not yet installed additional signage or striping at the location of Chicago & State St. due to weather conditions.
 13. Mike reported that there is not a designated yield or stop sign, in either direction, at the intersection of Miller Ct. & Miller St. The commission will look at this and discuss it further at the May meeting.
 14. Paul reported he had been contacted by a resident who lives at the intersection of Andrew Ave. & 22nd St. to request an additional stop sign be placed somewhere on Andrew Ave. The commission will look at this and discuss it further at the May meeting.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Sarah Ford and seconded by Rip Ludlow.

Due to Election Day on May 2nd the next meeting will be held one week later. The next Traffic Commission will be held Tuesday, May 9, 2023, at 5:00 PM in the conference room of the City Police Station.

Respectfully submitted,
Andy Snyder, Secretary