

La Porte City Traffic Commission

The June meeting of the La Porte City Traffic Commission was held at the La Porte City Police Station Conference Room on June 6, 2023. The following members were present:

Karyl Feikes – Chairperson
Paul Brettin
Sarah Ford

Andy Snyder – Secretary
Rip Ludlow
Paul Vincent

Mike Frazee
Laura Konieczny

The following items summarize the meeting:

1. The minutes of the May 9, 2023 meeting were approved. Motion by Paul Brettin and seconded by Mike Frazee.
2. **Public Comment** – David Heinold, Assistant City Planner, attended the meeting to request signage and street striping to facilitate the Slicer Pathway Project. He presented handouts specifying approximately 70 signs for 8th St. & A St. A motion was made by Paul Brettin to authorize the signage and striping in accordance with the presented handouts. It was seconded by Laura Konieczny and passed unanimously.

David also updated the Commission on the progress of the city being designated as a Quiet Zone regarding train traffic. He indicated the city had been evaluated once by Norfolk Southern. He stated some minor additions will be needed to bring the city into full compliance. He is currently working on getting this accomplished and once complete he will request a return from the evaluators.

3. The Commission again discussed the issue of speeding vehicles on Woodlawn and Michigan Avenues. In particular, the concerns were about vehicles leaving the golf course in unsafe driving practices. Rip Ludlow presented the concept of removable speed bumps that could be installed during warmer weather when the golf course is open and removed during the winter months when snow plowing is in practice. The Commission thought this might be a viable alternative to changing the speed limit and decided to obtain prices and more information for a decision at the July meeting.
4. The request from Amber Flynn of 706 C St. to place a stop sign somewhere on C St. close to her location was discussed in more detail. The Commission decided since there are currently no stop signs on C St. from 2nd to 10th Streets it would be advantageous to request placement of a stop sign on C St. at its intersection with 8th St. Laura Konieczny made a motion to this effect, and it was seconded by Paul Brettin. The motion passed unanimously.
5. In regard to Mia Tusky's (711 Lakeside St.) request for the vacating of a section of property owned by the City behind her residence; the Commission agreed that this property is of no use to the City and would be better served if vacated. Laura Konieczny made a motion to support vacating the property and it was seconded by Paul Vincent. The motion passed unanimously.
6. The request from Lindsay Karagias of 306 Maple St. regarding the placement of a stop sign on Maple Ave. at its intersection with Linwood St. was discussed in more

- detail. The commission decided to take no action on this request since there are already stop signs every two blocks on this stretch of roadway.
7. Mike reported that the additional signage of (“Cross Traffic Does Not Stop”) at the intersection of E. Jefferson & Rumely St. had been installed.
 8. The recommendation for the first parking space north of Lincolnway, on the west side of Monroe St. be designated as a 15-minute space was presented for its first reading at the City Council on June 5th. It will be up for its final reading at the June 20th meeting.
 9. It was reported that the recommendation to change the first parking space north of the alley on the east side of the 700 block of Clay St. to a 30-minute restricted parking space was withdrawn from consideration by the City Council. Karyl reported that the original petitioner had contacted Councilwoman West and withdrew his request after speaking with other business owners in the area. Andy Snyder had also spoken to Mr. Baughman who expressed the same sentiment.
 10. 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 soon.
 11. The recommendation to change the 2-way stop at the intersection of Newporte Blvd and N. Madison to a 3-way stop was presented for its first reading at the City Council on June 5th. It will be up for its final reading at the June 20th meeting.
 12. It was reported that the recommendation to the City Council for a stop sign at the intersection of Miller Ct. & Miller St. was presented for its first reading at the City Council on June 5th. The City Council decided to suspend the rules and pass this ordinance at the same meeting due to the increased traffic in this area from the construction on I St.
 13. Jeff Batchelor asked the Commission members visit the area of 403 Hawthorne St. due to vehicles parking on both sides on Fairfield Ave. The situation creates a hazard where it may be impassible for certain vehicles, especially fire apparatus.
 14. A concern was forwarded to the commission about the lack of speed limit signage on Mc Clung Road. The person felt this may be especially problematic with the increased traffic due to the construction on Truesdell Ave. Mike will visit the area and install additional signage as needed.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Laura Koncieczny and seconded by Mike Frazee.

The next Traffic Commission will be held one week later due to the July 4th Holiday. It will be on Tuesday, July 11, 2023, at 5:00 PM in the conference room of the City Police Station.

Respectfully submitted,
Andy Snyder, Secretary