

La Porte City Traffic Commission

The May meeting of the La Porte City Traffic Commission was held at the La Porte City Police Station Conference Room on May 9, 2023. The following members were present:

Karyl Feikes – Chairperson
Paul Brettin
Laura Konieczny

Andy Snyder – Secretary
Rip Ludlow

Mike Frazee
Jeff Batchelor

The following items summarize the meeting:

1. The minutes of the April 11, 2023, meeting were approved. Motion by Laura Konieczny and seconded by Mike Frazee.
2. **Public Comment** – Several residents (Jenna Blue / 2030 Michigan Ave, Alison Zoll / 2203 Woodlawn Ave, Bart Geise / 2007 Michigan Ave, Jamie Buchanan / 2108 Woodlawn Ave, Gabby Upp / 2206 Woodlawn Ave & Kay Baumgartner / 2208 Woodlawn Ave) attended the meeting to express their concerns of speeding vehicles on Woodlawn and Michigan Avenues. In particular, their concerns were with vehicles leaving the golf course in unsafe driving practices. They indicated most of the homes in this area have young children and this presents an added danger. The Commission advised them they would look at the area and discuss it further at the June meeting.

Amber Flynn of 706 C St. and Raven & Sierra Flynn of 307 G St. attended the meeting to express their concerns of vehicles speeding on C St. They run a daycare with up to 15 children at 706 C St. and indicated it is unsafe for the children to be outside in front of the residence due to the high speed and volume of vehicles. They stated there is only one stop sign on this roadway and it is located some five blocks away at the intersection of 2nd & C Streets. They would like consideration for a stop sign to be placed somewhere closer to their location. The Commission advised them they would look at the area and discuss it further at the June meeting.

Mia Tusky of 711 Lakeside St. attended the meeting to request consideration for the vacating of a section of property owned by the City behind her residence. She indicated adjacent property owners had already had this done and she would like it consistent with those properties. She also indicated there were trees on the city's property that were infringing on her property and appeared to be a danger to her home if they fall. She will be happy to address this situation, but she doesn't want to do it if she doesn't own the property. The Commission advised her they would look at the area and discuss it further at the June meeting.

Lindsay Karagias of 306 Maple St. attended the meeting to request a stop sign be placed at Maple Ave. & Linwood St. She indicated there is not a stop sign for a

number of blocks on Maple which is complicated by it being a one-way street. She feels this will help with driver inattention. The Commission advised her they would look at the area and discuss it further at the June meeting.

3. Regarding Dean White's request for additional signage at the intersection of E. Jefferson & Rumely St. due to the confusing offset, Mike Frazee stated the "Cross Traffic Does Not Stop" signage was on order and would be installed once received.
4. The recommendation for the first parking space north of Lincolnway, on the west side of Monroe St. be designated as a 15-minute space should be on the City Council agenda for the first meeting in June.
5. It was reported that the three parking restriction recommendations to facilitate the proposed Slicer Pathway Project had passed City Council. 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.
6. 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. The City Council had initially tabled the ordinance and has since asked for it to be returned to the Traffic Commission for further discussion. After much discussion Laura Konieczny made a motion to recommend to the City Council that this space be designated as a 30-minute restricted parking space. Andy Snyder seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
7. 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.
8. The recommendation to change the 2-way stop at the intersection of Newporte Blvd and N. Madison to a 3-way stop should be on the City Council agenda for the first meeting in June.
9. A motion was made by Laura Konieczny to forward a recommendation to the City Council for a stop sign at the intersection of Miller Ct. & Miller St. It was seconded by Mike Frazee and passed unanimously. There is currently no stop or yield sign in either direction at this intersection.
10. Regarding the request from the resident who lives at the intersection of Andrew Ave. & 22nd St. for an additional stop sign be placed somewhere on Andrew Ave, the commission decided to take no action.
11. Jeff Batchelor reported a resident at 155 Garden St. had expressed concerns to him about the parking issues on Waverly Road at the boat launch and marina. With the boating season beginning soon this will especially be problematic for the next several months. Jeff indicated he had spoken with Mark Schreiber about this issue and Mark indicated they are considering clearing an area opposite the launch on Waverly Road for additional parking. He didn't think it would happen this year but might be available in future years.

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

The next Traffic Commission will be held Tuesday, June 6, 2023, at 5:00 PM in the conference room of the City Police Station.

Respectfully submitted,
Andy Snyder, Secretary