

La Porte City Traffic Commission

The September meeting of the La Porte City Traffic Commission was held at the La Porte City Police Station Conference Room on September 5, 2023. The following members were present:

Karyl Feikes – Chairperson	Andy Snyder – Secretary	Mike Fraze
Paul Brettin	Rip Ludlow	Sarah Ford
Paul Vincent	Laura Konieczny	Jeff Batchelor

The following items summarize the meeting:

1. The minutes of the August 1, 2023 meeting were approved. Motion by Andy Snyder and seconded by Paul Vincent.
2. **Public Comment** – There was no public comment.
3. It was reported that Frank Cardello’s request for the vacating of 3 small properties adjacent to 239 Factory St. had been presented for the first reading at the City Council meeting on August 21st. It will be presented for its final reading at the Council meeting tomorrow night.
4. Mike Fraze reported that he is continuing to work with David Heinold for the installation and signage placement to facilitate the Slicer Pathway Project.
5. Mike Fraze reported that he is awaiting the expiration of the 30 day public notice period and utility locates before placing the stop sign on C St. at its intersection with 8th St.
6. Andy Snyder reported that he had spoken with Mia Tusky (711 Lakeside St.) and informed her the Commission had decided to not support her request for the vacating of a section of property owned by the City behind her residence. She indicated that she would appreciate some direction as to the removal of the trees on this property that she feels presents a danger to her home. She also had some concerns, as well as the neighbors, with a newly established AirBNB on Pine Lake Ave. constructing a staircase on this property to allow access to the lake front. Andy Snyder indicated he will discuss this further with Jeff Batchelor and Nick Minich to review the situation. He’ll report back at the October meeting.
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. There was further discussion regarding the request from Brett Binversie, the Civic Auditorium director, to assist with parking issues on Tecumseh St. during Civic events. Andy Snyder reported that Brett had spoken with some of the neighbors since the August meeting, and they were of the opinion to wait and see if the problems continue once the Civic events get in full swing after the recent improvements.
9. Karyl Feikes reported that Tim Franke had intended on attending the meeting to discuss his request regarding pedestrian safety in the area of Crescent St. and Kingsbury Ave.. Since he was not in attendance it was decided to take no action until he can make it to a future meeting.

10. Andy Snyder reported that Mark Schrieber had contacted him and Mike Frazee for further clarification on the placement of the large “Parking in Designated Areas Only” signs at the entrance to the park. Mike will get the signs ordered and installed.
11. Andy Snyder reported the fire department had been contacted by Sherri Shelton of Niesen St. asking the Commission to revisit the parking situation on Niesen St, in the area of its intersection with Warsaw St. The Commission had previously reviewed this request and decided to take no action. The Commission decided to visit the area again over the course of the next month and discuss it further at the October meeting,

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

The next Traffic Commission will be held on Tuesday, October 3, 2023, at 5:00 PM in the conference room of the City Police Station.

Respectfully submitted,
Andy Snyder, Secretary