

La Porte City Traffic Commission

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

Karyl Feikes – Chairperson
Laura Konieczny
Sarah Ford

Andy Snyder – Secretary
Mike Frazee

Paul Brettin
Rip Ludlow

The following items summarize the meeting:

1. The minutes of the November 14, 2023 meeting were approved. Motion by Laura Konieczny and seconded by Mike Frazee.
2. **Public Comment** – Dean White of 3066 N. US Highway 35 attended the meeting to express concerns about traffic and parking on Rumely St. near the intersection of E. Jefferson Ave. & Rumely St. He believes the current parking on both sides of the street prohibits vehicles from safely traveling in opposite directions from each other, as well as motorists safely exiting their driveways. The Commission decided to take the request into consideration, visit the area and discuss it further at the January meeting.
3. The request from Mr. & Mrs. Xavier Botana of 713 Lakeside St. seeking approval to vacate City owned property to the south of their property line was discussed further. Laura Konieczny made a motion to support the request to vacate the property which currently separating 711 & 713 Lakeside St. Mike Frazee seconded it and passed unanimously. Karyl indicated she would contact the Botana's and let them know of the Commission's determination so they can proceed with the process.
4. Mr. Dave Ambers' (404 Lakeshore Dr.) request to vacate a section of City owned property to the north of his residence will be considered by the City Council in the near future.
5. Samantha Banaski's (419 Kenwood St.) concern with parking on Kenwood St. was discussed further. Several commission members had visited the area but did not find the street to be any more restrictive than the surrounding streets. The commission decided to visit the area again and discuss it further at the January meeting. In regard to her request for a sign stating "Special Needs Child in the Area" the commission was agreeable but wanted to have Mike Frazee check for the availability of such signage.
6. Mike Frazee reported that he is continuing to work with David Heinold for the signage placement to facilitate the Slicer Pathway Project.
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. Mike Frazee reported that the large "Parking in Designated Areas Only" signs for Tuesdell Ave. at the entrance to Fox Park are still on order. He will get them installed once they arrive.

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

Due to the New Year's Holiday and the change in City Council meeting date, which conflicts with the Commission meeting, the next Traffic Commission will be held one week later on Tuesday, January 9, 2024, at 5:00 PM in the conference room of the City Police Station.

Respectfully submitted,
Andy Snyder, Secretary