

La Porte City Traffic Commission

The November meeting of the La Porte City Traffic Commission was held at the Council Chambers of the City Hall on November 1, 2022. The following members were present:

Karyl Feikes – Chairperson
Paul Brettin
Laura Konieczny

Andy Snyder - Secretary
Rip Ludlow
Jeff Batchelor

Mike Frazee

The following items summarize the meeting:

1. The minutes of the October 4, 2022 meeting were approved. Motion by Mike Frazee and seconded by Paul Brettin.
2. **Public Comment** – The parking study for the City of La Porte has been completed. David Heinold attended the meeting with representatives of Walker Consultants (via Zoom) to discuss their findings. They presented several interesting aspects to the current parking situation and some suggestions for the city to consider moving into the future. Several commissions members made additional suggestions. Once the report is fine-tuned it will be presented to the City Council.

Dave Heinold also announced a scheduled event to evaluate the City's current and future Bike Trails on November 10th. The public is invited to attend. It will begin at 10:00 and include a bike ride.

Judy Keller of 107 David Ct. attended the meeting to express concerns of parking in front of her residence. She indicated many times her mailbox is obstructed from residents on the opposite side of the street parking in front of it. The Commission decided to look at this and discuss it further at the December meeting.

Rich Marquez of 114 Stanley Ct. attended the meeting regarding vehicles having difficulty making the curve in front of his residence. He suggested the Commission consider allowing parking on only one side of the street only to help alleviate this problem. The Commission decided to look at this and discuss it further at the December meeting.

Daniel and Carol Biggs of 1610 Indiana Ave. attended the to express their concerns of speeding and the number of accidents at the intersection of South Ave. & Indiana Ave. They suggested the installation of digital radar speed signs to slow traffic. The Commission decided to look at this and discuss it further at the December meeting.

Dakota Euler of 301 Pine Lake Ave. attended the meeting to make the Commission aware that the street signs on Madison Ave. near the old hospital need to be replaced since they are almost illegible. He also asked the Commission to consider a 4-way

stop at Home and Polk St. He stated there is a long distance between stops in this area and it creates a problem of speeding vehicles. The Commission decided to look at this and discuss it further at the December meeting.

3. The Commission discussed Jordan and Tucker Kings' (620 North St.) request to vacate the dead-end section of North St. adjacent to their property. A motion was made by Laura Konieczny to recommend this request to the City Council for consideration. Paul Brettin seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
4. The recommendation for the placement of stop signs on two intersections of Whispering Blvd (two at its intersection with Allison Lane and one at its intersection with Ohio St.) will be up for its final reading at the November 7th City Council meeting.
5. Nick Minich is continuing to work with INDOT regarding the proposed projects involving Indiana Ave. and Pine Lake Ave. There were no additional updates available for this meeting.
6. The Commission will continue to monitor the parking situation and the dangers of pedestrians crossing roadway in the area of The Dunes Event Center on Clear Lake Blvd. Future projects should accommodate pedestrian traffic better.
7. The recommendation to support the vacating of the termination points of Cable St. and Toronto St. to the owner of the property at 66 Toronto St. will be up for City Council consideration in the near future.
8. The recommendation to place a stop sign on Lake Shore Dr. at its intersection with Greenleaf and Illinois Ave will be up for its final reading at the November 7th City Council 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 at 5:00 PM on Tuesday, December 5, 2022 in the conference room of the City Police Station.

Respectfully submitted,
Andy Snyder, Secretary