

La Porte City Traffic Commission

The December meeting of the La Porte City Traffic Commission was held at the La Porte Police Department Conference room on December 6, 2022. The following members were present:

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

The following items summarize the meeting:

1. The minutes of the November 1, 2022 meeting were approved. Motion by Laura Konieczny and seconded by Mike Frazee.
2. **There was No Public Comment –**
3. The commission reviewed Judy Keller’s concerns of parking in front of her residence (107 David Ct.). The commission members did not find the area to be obstructed when they visited. Laura Konieczny made a motion to take no action and Sarah Ford seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.
4. Regarding Rich Marquez’s (114 Stanley Ct.) concerns of vehicles parking on and close to the curve in front of his residence thus making it impassible for other vehicles, the commission agreed. A motion was made by Mike and seconded by Paul Brettin to have Mike and Andy visit the area with the Fire Department ladder truck to determine an appropriate No Parking distance on both sides of the street from the radius of the curve. Once they have this distance, they will forward a recommendation to the City Council of No Parking. The motion passed unanimously.
5. The Commission discussed the concerns of Daniel and Carol Biggs (1610 Indiana Ave.) regarding speeding and the number of accidents at the intersection of South Ave. & Indiana Ave. Sarah Ford updated the commission on the changes scheduled for this area with the road reconstruction in 2025. INDOT and the City will look into the acquisition of digital radar speed signs to slow traffic. It was also suggested Nick Minich work with INDOT to possibly restrict parking further back on Indiana Ave. from the intersection.
6. Dakota Euler of 301 Pine Lake Ave. attended the meeting to follow up on his concerns from the November meeting. He and Mike Frazee indicated the illegible signs had been replaced on Madison St. near the old hospital. The commission decided to further evaluate his request for a 4-way stop at Home and Polk St. until the January meeting. They felt there might be a better option for a stop sign at one of the other nearby intersections.
7. Jordan and Tucker Kings’ (620 North St.) request to vacate the dead-end section of North St. adjacent to their property had not yet been considered by the City Council. A period of public notice had to be given which had not yet expired. It should be up for City Council consideration in the next few meetings

8. 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.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. It was reported that there are no stop signs at the intersections of Eason Ct. & 9th St. and D St. & 15th St. Mike made a motion to place stop signs at these locations and it was seconded by Paul Brettin. The motion passed unanimously.
12. Andy reported a call he had received from a resident in the area of H St. & 12th St. regarding vehicles (including a full-size bus and dump truck and trailer) continuously parked on the street making it difficult to traverse. Jeff Batchelor indicated he was aware of the issue and was addressing it.
13. Karyl forwarded pictures and concerns from Nicole Messacar regarding the ongoing parking at Weller Ave. & Central Ave. It was noted that snow obstructed the yellow curb markings but not the No Parking sign. Paul will have his officers continue to focus on the area.

There being no further business a motion to adjourn was made by Laura Konieczny and seconded by Sarah Ford.

Due to the New Year's Holiday and a conflict with the City Council meeting, the next Traffic Commission will be held one week later. The meeting will be at 5:00 PM on Tuesday, January 10, 2023, in the conference room of the City Police Station.

Respectfully submitted,
Andy Snyder, Secretary