

## La Porte City Traffic Commission

The January meeting of the La Porte City Traffic Commission was held at the La Porte Police Department Conference room on January 10, 2023. The following members were present:

Karyl Feikes – Chairperson  
Paul Brettin  
Laura Konieczny

Kelly Burke – Acting Secretary  
Rip Ludlow  
Jeff Batchelor

Sarah Ford  
Mike Frazee

The following items summarize the meeting:

1. The minutes of the December 6, 2022 meeting were approved. Motion by Laura Konieczny and seconded by Sarah Ford.
2. **Public Comment** – La Porte County Sheriff’s Office School Resource Officer, Austin Epple, attended the meeting to express concerns about the High School parking lot exit onto 10<sup>th</sup> St. He indicated there had been 4 T-bone accidents at this location recently. He did not have a proposed solution but was requesting the Traffic Commission review the situation and possibly recommend a safer alternative to the current situation. The Commission will visit the area and discuss it further at their February meeting.
3. Regarding the issue of vehicles parking too close to the curve on Stanley Ct. and making it impassable for larger vehicles, Andy and Mike had visited the site. They determined to request restricted parking for a distance of 30’ from the corner on the east and south side of the street. This will be forwarded to City Attorney Otis to be drafted in ordinance form and presented to the City Council.
4. The Commission again 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. A neighbor of Mr. Biggs had indicated he would be open to the concept of a second driveway to move his vehicles off Indiana Ave. Jeff Batchelor indicated he will contact this resident to help facilitate a drive-way permit from INDOT and a variance from the City for two drive-ways per one residential address.
5. Dakota Euler of 301 Pine Lake Ave. attended the meeting to follow up on his request for a stop sign somewhere on Polk St. It was disclosed that there are upcoming plans to extend Polk St. and Nick Minich might have some insight into a possible placement of stop sign(s) as part of this project. Karyl will speak to Nick to see if this is a consideration.
6. 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 at one of their next few meetings.

7. 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.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. It was unclear whether there had been previous approval by the City Council to place stop signs at the intersections of Eason Ct. & 9<sup>th</sup> St. and D St. & 15<sup>th</sup> St. Mike will check on this before placing them. If there is no ordinance authorizing these intersections the Commission will request an ordinance be drafted.
11. Dakota Euler reported to the Commission that Rockwood St. behind Round the Clock is deteriorating and needs new signage. He also stated that Handicap parking space at the intersection Scott St. & Woodson St. is no longer needed since the resident at 307 Scott St. is no longer there. The commission was unclear as to the steps needed to remove the parking designation and signage, so they will investigate this further and report back next month.

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

The next Traffic Commission will be held Tuesday, February 7, 2023 at 5:00 PM in the conference room of the City Police Station.

Respectfully submitted,  
Andy Snyder, Secretary