

## La Porte City Traffic Commission

The February meeting of the La Porte City Traffic Commission was held at the conference room of the City Police Station on February 1, 2022. The following members were present:

Karyl Feikes – Chairperson  
Paul Brettin  
Rip Ludlow

Andy Snyder – Secretary  
Mike Frazee  
Laura Konieczny

Sara Ford  
Jeff Batchelor

The following items summarize the meeting:

1. The minutes of the January 4, 2022 meeting were approved. Motion by Mike Frazee and seconded by Paul Brettin.
2. Jim Simms from the La Porte Street Department attended the meeting to express his support for alternating parking on Streets to assist with snow removal and street sweeping.
3. Nick Minich attended the meeting to inform the Commission that he had an initial meeting with INDOT to propose several ideas which included the installation of “Do Not Enter” signs on the back side of the Kingsbury Ave. stop signs at its intersection with Indiana Ave., options for mobile digital speed monitoring signs on Indiana Avenue to help reduce speeding and plans for turn lanes at Indiana Avenue and Boyd Boulevard to accommodate the increased bus garage traffic. Nick also recommended a turn lane from Marquette to Pine Lake Ave on Truesdell to help alleviate increased traffic with upcoming new businesses in the area. He will schedule subsequent meetings to address these in more detail.
4. The placement of a stop sign on E Street at the intersection with 8<sup>th</sup> Street has not been completed because locates couldn’t be done due to weather.
5. Concerns of Emergency vehicles not being able to turn onto Pennsylvania from Weller Avenue due to a lawn care business (Bull Dog Lawn Care) parking trucks and trailers on both sides of the street was not able to be observed due to the time of year. The trailers are not currently parked in the area. It will be looked at again in the spring.
6. A motion was made by Laura Konieczny and seconded by Rip Ludlow to have Sara Ford, Jeff Batchelor and Mike Frazee work on a plan to update the snow routes and recommend an alternate parking plan which would make parking from 6:00 PM to 6:00 PM on alternating days depending on odd or even addresses. Further, it will eliminate the 1:00 AM – 6:00 AM parking restrictions. The motion passed unanimously. It was agreed that the committee members would correspond electronically with the rest of the Commission to address questions or suggestions to help expedite the process.
7. The hospital had requested consideration for a speed limit change in front of the new building on State Street. A motion was made by Paul Brettin and seconded by Mike Frazee to recommend to the City Council to lower the speed limit to 20 MPH. The motion passed unanimously.
8. Sara Ford expressed concerns about parking and dangerous pedestrian crossing in the area of The Dunes Event Center on Clear Lake Blvd. Nick Minich indicated a project will begin in the spring that should greatly improve the situation. The Commission will continue to monitor the area.

9. Nick Minich announced he is looking to have a parking study done and completed in less than a year. Nick also announced the proposal for traffic signal pre-emption to give Emergency vehicles right of way at the intersections of Boston and East Lincolnway and the intersection at East Lincolnway, Heinz and Scott Streets. This will go to bid in two weeks and hopefully be implemented by spring.
10. An email was received from D. Drummond Osborn of Osborn Wealth Management (912 Michigan Ave.) requesting clarification of 2-Hour Parking signage in front of his building. Michigan Ave, north of Harrison Street has signage indicating 2-Hour Parking with the exception of approximately 5 angled parking spaces in front of his business. These 5 parking spaces are regularly used, for extended time frames, well into and during his normal business hours. The Commission was not sure of the 2-Hour Parking restrictions in that area. If it is verified as zoned 2-Hour, the Street Department will have more signs installed, if not the Commission will recommend to the City Council to have it changed.

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 at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, March 1, 2022 in the conference room of the City Police Station.

Respectfully submitted,

Andy Snyder, Secretary