

La Porte City Traffic Commission

The August meeting of the La Porte City Traffic Commission was held at the conference room of the City Police Station on August 2, 2022. The following members were present:

Karyl Feikes – Chairperson
Sarah Ford
Rip Ludlow

Laura Konieczny – Acting Secretary
Paul Brettin
Andy Snyder

Mike Fraze
Paul Vincent

The following items summarize the meeting:

1. The minutes of the July 12, 2022 meeting were approved with corrections noted to change Kaylee Fuller's name spelling to Kyleen and her address as 116 J St. not 115 J St. Motion by Mike Fraze and seconded by Paul Vincent.
2. **There was No Public Comment**
3. Regarding the request from Jay Foldenauer (212 Whispering Blvd), Ann Smith (192 Allison Ln) & Harry & Susan Bebe (194 Allison Ln) to place a stop sign on Whispering Blvd. at its intersection with Allison Ln. the Commission felt this is needed. The commission members also noted that with the newly constructed intersection of Whispering Blvd and Ohio St. a stop sign is necessary on Whispering Blvd. This will prohibit traffic from entering the through street. A motion was made by Paul Vincent to recommend both of these stop signs to the City Council. It was seconded by Sarah Ford and passed unanimously.
4. The Commission members visited the location of 116 J St. per Kyleen Fuller's request. After much discussion, the commission unanimously voted to take no action regarding her request for a Loading/Unloading parking space on 2nd St adjacent to her newly opened bicycle sales/repair business. Motion by Paul Vincent and seconded by Rip Ludlow.
5. Nick Minich forwarded to the Commission that he was continuing to work with INDOT about proposed projects involving Indiana Ave. at its intersection with Kingsbury Ave. and Pine Lake Ave. at its intersection with Truesdell 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. The Dunes Event Center will be ramping up their fall/winter season in October when it is expected the pedestrian traffic will slow down seasonally.
7. The parking study for the City of La Porte is progressing.
8. The motion of support to vacate the termination points of Cable St. and Toronto St. to the owner of the property at 66 Toronto St. was forwarded to Nick Minich to begin the process. This has been forwarded to Nick Otis for City Council consideration.

9. Duane Miller's request to consider no parking on both sides of Waverly Road by the boat launch was discussed further. The Commission discussed several pros and cons to the concept and has since visited the area. Karyl Feikes will reach out to Park Superintendent, Mark Schreiber and Park Board prior to the September meeting to get their insight about this item. The Traffic Commission will discuss this matter further in September after they receive the input from the Park Board and Park Superintendent.
10. The Commission reviewed the proposed draft ordinance that was distributed by Karyl Feikes on behalf of Councilman Franke regarding golf carts being used on city streets. After discussion, Paul Vincent made the motion to forward the proposed motion for legal review and subsequent presentation to the Common Council. This motion was seconded by Sarah Ford. Rip Ludlow abstained from the vote.
11. Karyl Feikes reached out to the citizen with concern regarding the placement of a stop sign in the area of Colfax Ave, 5th St and Andrew Ave for further clarification on two different occasions with no reply. This item will be removed from the agenda as the Commission does not have enough information to make an informed decision or action at this time.
12. Regarding the placement of "Children at Play" signs on Darlington St. to help curb the speeding, Mike Frazee stated in this meeting that the signs are on order and he will inform the Commission once they have been hung.
13. Andy Snyder forwarded a concern of residents in the area of Lake Shore Dr, Greenleaf and Illinois Ave. They are requesting a stop sign on Lake Shore Dr at this intersection where it makes a curve. This can be a confusing intersection due to the continuation of the roadway. The commission members will visit the area and discuss it further at the September meeting.

There being no further business a motion to adjourn was made by Paul Vincent and seconded by Rip Ludlow.

Due to the Labor Day holiday in September the next Traffic Commission will be held one week later than its regularly scheduled date at 5:00 PM on Tuesday, September 13, 2022 in the conference room of the City Police Station.

Respectfully submitted,
Andy Snyder, Secretary