

La Porte City Traffic Commission

The July meeting of the La Porte City Traffic Commission was held at the La Porte City Police Station Conference Room on July 11, 2023. The following members were present:

Karyl Feikes – Chairperson
Paul Brettin

Andy Snyder – Secretary
Rip Ludlow

Mike Frazee
Laura Konieczny

The following items summarize the meeting:

1. The minutes of the June 6, 2023 meeting were approved. Motion by Mike Frazee and seconded by Paul Brettin.
2. **Public Comment** – There was no public comment.
3. Mike Frazee reported that signage to facilitate the Slicer Pathway Project was on order and should be delivered soon.
4. The Commission again discussed the issue of speeding vehicles on Woodlawn and Michigan Avenues. The idea of installing removable speed bumps was discussed in further detail. Rip Ludlow made a motion for the Street Department to purchase two sets of speed bumps (one for eastbound and one for westbound traffic) to be installed at alternating locations on the roadway. Laura Konieczny seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. It was stated that this would be on a trial basis to see if it has the intended impact and whether it would be feasible in other areas of the city.
5. It was reported the request to place a stop sign on C St. at its intersection with 8th was read for its first time at the City Council meeting on June 20th. Karyl reported that she had received concerns from residents in the area that they were opposed to a stop sign at this intersection. They felt there may be a need on C St. but that it should be placed at a different intersection than C St. & 8th St. The commission discussed it further but decided to stand with their original recommendation due to the forthcoming Slicer Pathway Project crossing this intersection.
6. In regard to Mia Tusky's (711 Lakeside St.) request for the vacating of a section of property owned by the City behind her residence, Andy Snyder indicated that he had not yet forwarded the recommendation to Attorney Otis. He stated that he had learned that no other portions of this roadway had been vacated contrary to what was stated by the petitioner. The Commission decided to hold the recommendation until they had a chance to speak with Nick Minich and see if there was a future use for this property. The commission will discuss it further at the August meeting.
7. The recommendation for the first parking space north of Lincolnway, on the west side of Monroe St. to be designated as a 15-minute space had passed with the City Council's approval.
8. The Commission will continue to monitor the parking situation and the dangers of pedestrians crossing the roadway in the area of The Dunes Event Center on Clear Lake Blvd. The Clear Lake Loop project should accommodate pedestrian traffic better. This project is expected to begin soon.

9. The recommendation to change the 2-way stop at the intersection of Newporte Blvd and N. Madison to a 3-way stop has passed with City Council approval.
10. The commission decided to review Jeff Batchelor's request regarding parking issues in the area of 403 Hawthorne St. further. He previously reported vehicles parking on both sides on Fairfield Ave. can create a dangerous situation where it may be impossible for certain vehicles, especially fire apparatus, to navigate the roadway.
11. Mike Frazee reported that the "Children at Play" signs had been installed in the area of First St. & Jefferson Ave. This was in response to an email request from Mr. Blake Boardman who lives in the area.

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

The next Traffic Commission will be held on Tuesday, August 1, 2023, at 5:00 PM in the conference room of the City Police Station.

Respectfully submitted,
Andy Snyder, Secretary