

VILLAGE OF FRANKFORT
MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
JANUARY 6, 2021

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chairman William Dowding called the regular meeting of the Traffic Advisory Committee to order on Wednesday, January 6, 2021 at 9:00am

In attendance were Chairman William Dowding, John Burica, Adam Nielsen, Kevin Hack, Scott Potter and Terry Kestel.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES (November 4, 2020)

Terry Kestel made a motion (#1), seconded by John Burica, to approve the minutes of the Traffic Advisory Committee meeting that occurred on November 4, 2020. The motion carried with Adam Nielsen obtaining.

PROGRESS REPORTS

- Fold Down Stop Signs – Laraway Road
 - Chairman Dowding advised that the signs are all functional and secured.
- Pedestrian Crossing Concerns – Plank Trail
 - Terry Kestel advised that the matter will be discussed with the Will County Forest Preserve.

SIGN REQUEST – MISTY FALLS HOA

Chairman Dowding was contacted by the Misty Falls Homeowners Association in reference to a free standing sign request. According to ordinance: *151.14 RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICT The Traffic Advisory Committee must approve locations of all Freestanding Signs.*

In summary the proposed signage would be erected in the southeast corner of the intersection of Laraway Road and Owens Road. The proposed signage would be on HOA property and would adhere to all other village signage requirements.

Adam Nielsen began the discussion adding that he had reviewed the signage application and everything appeared to be in order. John Burica asked about line of sight issues. The group felt that the proposed set back from the intersection was appropriate. Scott Potter made a motion (#2) to approve the Misty Falls HOA sign as requested. Adam Nielsen seconded the motion, and it unanimously passed.

SIGN REQUEST – NO ENGINE BRAKING @ LARAWAY RD AND LAGRANGE RD.

Chairman Dowding was contacted by Betty McEnroe of the Heritage Knolls HOA. In summary several residents / members of the HOA have requested “No Engine Braking” signage along eastbound Laraway Rd at LaGrange Rd.

Chairman Dowding opened the discussion and explained that several members of the HOA also felt that the signage would be appropriate. Scott Potter asked if the location of Laraway Rd and LaGrange Road would be the best place to put the signs. John Burica felt that if this type of signage was proposed it should be at areas where semi-truck traffic enters our jurisdiction. The group agreed and discussion continued. At the conclusion of the discussion the group felt that additional information should be gathered before action was taken.

TRAFFIC ISSUES – STANFORD DR. @ MADDELINE LN.

Chairman Dowding was contacted by Mike Sadkowski in reference to traffic issues in the area of Stanford Drive and Maddeline Lane. In summary Mr. Sadkowski felt that this area had seen an increase in traffic volume and speed Mr. Sadkowski asked for a 4 way stop sign and speed bumps to be utilized.

Chairman Dowding opened the discussion and noted several studies that clearly recommend not using stop signs as speed deterrent devices. In fact most studies show that stop signs inadvertently cause drivers to increase speed to make up for lost time in stopping.

Scott Potter explained that the police department has added this area to the enhanced traffic enforcement list. Scott Potter will also add the area to his traffic study list so volume and speed data can be collected.

Terry Kestel advised that he would not be in favor of speed bumps along the roadway due to the concerns for winter snow removal.

Discussion continued and the group felt that we could revisit the issue once more information is gathered.

OTHER BUSINESS

John Burica advised the group that the closing of Kansas St from Ash St to Oak St. was being considered and asked the group to research the application of loading zones and times.

Chairman Dowding agreed and advised that he would look into what other municipalities have done in reference to loading and unloading for businesses.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business Adam Nielsen made a motion (#3), seconded by Terry Kestel, to adjourn the Traffic Advisory Committee meeting of January 6, 2021 at 10:00am. The motion was unanimously approved.