

**VILLAGE OF FRANKFORT
MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
MARCH 3, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chairman William Dowding called the regular meeting of the Traffic Advisory Committee to order on Wednesday, March 3, 2021 at 9:00am

In attendance were Chairman William Dowding, John Burica, Adam Nielsen, Kevin Hack, Scott Potter and Terry Kestel, Mary Tepper, Anthony Prater, and Joe Lenahan.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES (January 6, 2021)

Scott Potter made a motion (#1), seconded by Terry Kestel, to approve the minutes of the Traffic Advisory Committee meeting that occurred on January 6, 2021. The motion carried unanimously.

SIGN REQUEST – NO PARKING MAJESTIC LANE

Chairman Dowding was contacted by members of the Frankfort Meadows Subdivision Homeowners Association in reference to a parking problem.

In summary Joseph Lenahan described the following issue:

I am a resident in the Frankfort Meadows Subdivision, off Laraway Road.

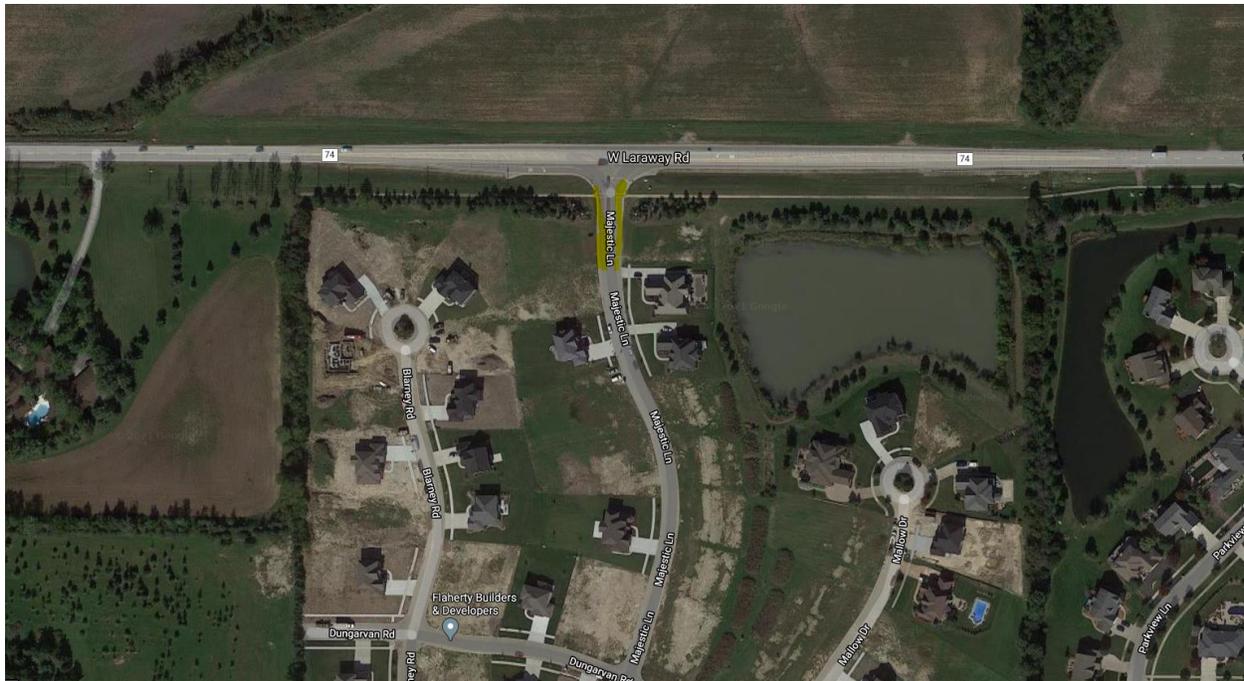
With recent construction of the homes at the front entrance of the subdivision, it has become extremely difficult to enter and exit the subdivision when cars are parked adjacent to the center median divider on Majestic Lane.

I am requesting the first 100 feet south of the dividing median on Majestic Lane be posted as a no parking zone. Cars are frequently parking up to and along the median, making it nearly impossible to access the proper drive, or potentially creating a backup out onto Laraway road as cars attempt to enter.

This has been identified within the members of the subdivision. Please see attached facebook postings regarding this issue.

Thank You for your consideration,

Joseph P Lenahan



Mr. Lenahan and Mr. Anthony Prater were present and opened the discussion about the issue. They felt that the entrance was designed improperly and that there should be no parking along both sides of Majestic Lane from Laraway Road. The members of the subdivision have met with the builder and the issue has been improved for now. The concern surrounds the future when homes are completed closer the intersection.

Adam Nielsen explained that the intersection of Laraway Road and Majestic Lane was originally controlled as a right turn in and out only, which would have limited the traffic at that intersection.

Discussion continued and the group felt that the removal of some of the center median and landscaping would alleviate the issue. All parties agreed. Terry Kestel advised that this should be completed sometime this summer / fall.

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

This issue was discussed at the January 6, 2021 TAC meeting and was determined that additional information was needed. In summary the original issue was discussed as follows: *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.

Chairman Dowding reopened the discussion and recommended that the signs be posted on eastbound Laraway Road and 116th and westbound Laraway Road at Harlem Ave. This would allow for the informational signage to apply to all effected subdivisions along Laraway Road within the village limits. The group agreed. Kevin Hack advised that the signs would be ordered. Chairman Dowding explained that the Will County Highway Department would be contacted to ensure that all signs and posting were approved by them.

TRAFFIC ISSUES – STANFORD DR. @ MADDELINE LN.

As noted in the January 6, 2021 TAC Meeting: 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.

Scott Potter conducted several speed studies in the area including N/B and S/B Maddeline Lane. In summary the studies revealed that the average speed was between 18 and 21 MPH. The average volume was between 121 and 172 vehicles per day. Several extra traffic patrols were assigned. Chairman Dowding noted that he will continue to monitor and follow up as needed.

SIGN REQUEST – NO OUTLET: ASH ST. @ UTAH ST.

Chairman Dowding was contacted by Rick Partyka in reference to a “No Outlet” informational sign request at Ash St. and Utah St. His summary is as follows: *I also wanted to follow up regarding the "No Outlet" sign. We still seem to be getting a fair amount of traffic coming south on Ash, which is perfectly fine. However, we do occasionally have people reach the hammerhead, turn around, then speed back north. Our hope is that a sign would prevent those instances from occurring (there are now 5 kids under 6, which is the main cause for concern). We've walked around the downtown area to find that there are No Outlet or Dead End signs at the following intersections:*

- Oak and Pacific (Eastbound)
- Maple and Utah (Westbound)
- Locust and Utah (Eastbound)

With the exception of Oak and Pacific (Southbound), Ash and Utah (Southbound) is the only dead end intersection without a sign to deter unintentional traffic. I would also argue that our intersection likely receives the most traffic of these intersections.

Mary Tepper asked to speak on the matter and stated that she felt that the signage would be appropriate. Chairman Dowding stated that the committee generally only recommends No Outlet signage in cases where the end of the roadway isn't visible from the main roadway. The group agreed, but also felt that this situation may warrant a sign.

After further discussion it was agreed that a No Outlet informational sign would be posted on a previously installed post at the intersection of Ash St and Utah St.

ROADWAY ACCESS REQUEST 116th AVE NORTH OF LARAWAY ROAD

Chairman Dowding was contacted by Chris Gruba in reference to a townhome development near the intersection of Laraway Rd. and 116th Ave.

The question posed to the TAC involved an entrance to the proposed townhome development along 116th Ave. Terry Kestel began the conversation and explained the measurements and roadway configuration along 116th Ave.

After continued discussion it appeared that more information should be gathered in order to ascertain if the entrance would be appropriate along 116th Ave. The group agreed to continue to gather information and revisit as necessary.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business Scott Potter made a motion (#2), seconded by Adam Nielsen, to adjourn the Traffic Advisory Committee meeting of March 3, 2021 at 9:45am. The motion was unanimously approved.