

VILLAGE OF FRANKFORT
MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
MAY 5, 2021

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chairman William Dowding called the regular meeting of the Traffic Advisory Committee to order on Wednesday, May 5, 2021 at 9:00am.

In attendance were Chairman William Dowding, John Burica, Adam Nielsen, Scott Potter, Terry Kestel, Chris Gruba, and Mike Schwarz.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES (March 3, 2021)

Terry Kestel made a motion (#1), seconded by Adam Nielsen, to approve the minutes of the Traffic Advisory Committee meeting that occurred on March 3, 2021. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION – TRUCK TRAFFIC / LARAWAY RD.

Chairman Dowding was contacted by Jim Holland and asked to discuss the increased truck related crashes on Laraway Rd. Terry Kestel opened the discussion and reminded the group that Laraway Rd remains a Will County roadway. Chairman Dowding provided the group with 9 truck related crash reports that occurred from January 2020 to date. Many of the crashes stemmed from distracted drivers and speed.

John Burica advised that the police have conducted several traffic details in the area targeting distracted and speeding drivers.

Discussion continued and Scott Potter suggested that data collection should take place at several places along Laraway Rd. The group agreed and the stealth stat collection units will be placed on Laraway Rd once they become available. Scott Potter advised that he follow up with this committee once the data is collected. The group agreed.

SIGN REQUEST – STOP SIGN / LOCUST ST.@ OREGON ST.

Chairman Dowding was contacted by Chris Connors in reference to speeding vehicles on Locust St. Chairman Dowding opened the discussion and explained that Mr. Connors was concerned about increased traffic and vehicle speed on Locust between Nebraska St. and the Park District buildings.

Scott Potter advised that this area had been added to the enhanced traffic patrol list and would be monitored by the NPO and DPO officers. Terry Kestel explained that the lack of sidewalks and side parking would dictate that a stop sign would not be appropriate at this time. Scott Potter

agreed and stated that he would add this location to his traffic study list in order for data to be collected. Terry Kestel advised that a Children at Play sign may be appropriate for the street given the location of the playground and sports fields. The group agreed, and the informational signage would be posted. The group continued their discussion and agreed that we would re-visit the matter once new data was collected.

PARKING ISSUES- LIMITED TIME PARKING REQUEST – CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Chairman Dowding was contacted by Kris Pasquini of the Frankfort Chamber of Commerce in reference to a request for timed parking in front of the Chamber of Commerce Building (Kansas St @ Hickory St.). Chairman Dowding opened the discussion and stated that Ms. Pasquini's concern is with the limited parking in front of the office being occupied for long periods of time. This eliminates the possibility of patrons parking to conduct business in the area.

The group discussed the overall downtown parking situation and agreed that more discussion would be needed to ensure that the entire downtown is considered if a new comprehensive parking plan is explored. The group agreed and advised they would re-visit the issue if an overall parking plan was developed.

TRAFFIC ISSUES – STOLL RD. @ JEANETTE CT.

Scott Potter was contacted by Eileen Morissette in reference to speeding traffic issues on Stoll Rd. @ Jeanette Ct. Mr. Potter explained that Ms. Morissette was concerned with speeding vehicles heading eastbound on Stoll Rd. She requested a stop sign to control the speed. Mr. Potter explained it according to the manual for traffic control devices, stop signs were not appropriate for speed control. Mr. Potter also cited several studies that indicated the same.

John Burica felt it would be appropriate for us to collect some traffic data along Stoll Rd. The group agreed. Scott Potter advised he would add the location to the list. Once the data was collected, we would re-visit the discussion.

TRAFFIC / PARKING ISSUES – HERITAGE KNOLLS SPORTS COMPLEX

Chairman Dowding was contacted by Zachary Brown in reference to traffic and parking issues that surround the Heritage Knolls Sports Complex. Chairman Dowding opened the discussion and explained that the police department had also received a few complaints in relation to parking. These complaints stemmed from weekend sports tournaments where multiple teams were appearing at the same time. Officers responded to the complaints and were able to rectify the situation while they were on scene.

Chris Gruba explained that the complex is in the process of rearranging some businesses, and this has become a debated issue in other committees. Adam Nielsen was aware of the changes in businesses, and he explained that the volleyball training facility was simply

conducting small group training and no additional tournaments would be conducted by the business.

Group discussion continued and John Burica noted that under the current Will County Laraway Rd project, additional traffic control devices are anticipated at the entry / exit points of the subdivision. Heritage Dr. is scheduled for a traffic signal and Regency Dr. is proposed to be and right in / right out intersection.

The committee agreed that they would continue to gather data and would revisit the issue as the data indicates. However, it should be noted that the committee all agreed that the proposed changes to the businesses within the complex would be appropriate in reference to parking and traffic.

TRAFFIC ISSUE- WALNUT CREEK DR @ ST FRANCIS RD.

Chairman Dowding was contacted by Terry Kestel in reference to a potential traffic issue involving a possible blind spot on St. Francis Rd @ Walnut Creek Dr. Chairman Dowding opened the discussion by advising that he had viewed the video sent by a concerned citizen in reference to the bridge (just west of the intersection) obstructing the view of E/B traffic from Walnut Creek Dr. Chairman Dowding then drove to the area and attempted to recreate the condition observed in the video. Although the video is valid, Chairman Dowding noted that as he moved forward to the stop line, he could clearly see E/B traffic approaching the intersection.

Terry Kestel advised that he checked the area and noticed that St. Francis Rd. had speed limit signage (45mph) when it should have been marked 35mph in that area. Mr. Kestel advised that the proper signs would be installed.

John Burica advised that he compiled all crash reports from that intersection and only 1 crash had occurred that involved intersection related issues. Given the above information the committee agreed to continue to gather information and re-visit if necessary, in the future.

TRAFFIC ISSUES – GOLFVIEW LN – PRIVATE DR

Chairman Dowding was contacted by Tom Barz in reference to traffic control on Golfview Ln. Chairman Dowding opened the discussion explaining that Golfview Ln is a private drive within the village limits. Mr. Barz represents the condo owners association and explained that his clients were concerned about increased vehicular traffic on their private roadway. They requested that the traffic advisory committee discuss some of their proposed remedies for their problems.

Adam Nielsen advised that if the HOA wished to gate the entrance to the roadway it would present many problems. First, they would have to get permission from the HOA just to the south due to the sharing of the roadway and egress points. The Cook County Highway Department would also need to be consulted due to the need for deceleration and turn lanes on Harlem Ave. Blocking the intersection at Harlem Ave also poses a problem due to the subdivisions needing 2 points of entry / egress.

The group agreed that signage would be the most cost-effective way of informing the motoring public that the roadway is private.

OTHER BUSINESS

Prestwick

John Burica advised that he was contacted by Brandon Palmer of the Prestwick HOA who pointed out a traffic / parking issue during child pickup at Chelsea. According to Mr. Palmer this is occurring daily at pick up time near the intersections of Highland Rd. and Sauk Trail.

Scott Potter advised that he would ensure that additional traffic patrols were posted in the area to confirm that the situation is being monitored. Chairman Dowding added that the Neighborhood Patrol Officers would also coordinate with SRO Riff to ensure that the school is notified about the issue. Also the NPO's will attempt to meet with residents in the area to see if additional No Parking signage would be appropriate for the zone.

Candle Creek

Adam Nielsen presented a subdivision signage proposal from the Candle Creek Subdivision. In summary the sign would meet all village requirements and would be located near the intersection of Waterview Trail and St. Francis Road. The signage did not appear to adversely effect the sightlines from either roadway.

The group discussed moving the project forward will discuss further at the next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business John Burica made a motion (#2), seconded by Scott Potter, to adjourn the Traffic Advisory Committee meeting of May 5, 2021 at 9:45am. The motion was unanimously approved.