

VILLAGE OF FRANKFORT
MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
October 20, 2021

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chairman William Dowding called the regular meeting of the Traffic Advisory Committee to order on Wednesday, October 20, 2021 at 9:00 A.M.

In attendance were Chairman William Dowding, John Burica, Adam Nielsen, Scott Potter, Terry Kestel, Kevin Hack, Deb Wolf, Tracy McMahon, Beth Rapcan, Laura Blakley, and Ken Riemen.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES (July 7, 2021)

Terry Kestel made a motion (#1), seconded by Scott Potter, to approve the minutes of the Traffic Advisory Committee meeting that occurred on July 7, 2021. The motion carried unanimously.

TRAFFIC ISSUES – CHARRINGTON DR.

Chairman Dowding was contacted by Laura Zielinski in reference to traffic issues on Charrington Dr.

Chairman Dowding opened the discussion and explained that Charrington Dr and the surrounding subdivisions had several extra traffic patrols posted with an emphasis between 4pm-7pm. Scott Potter explained that the roadway had been added to the list for additional traffic studies. Terry Kestel explained how speed bumps cause issues with the snow removal in the winter months.

The group agreed to continue the discussion once more data is collected.

SPEED LIMIT DISCUSSION – 88TH AVE & STUENKEL RD.

Chairman Dowding was contacted by Terry in reference to the recent paving in the area. The committee was asked to discuss current speed limits. John Burica explained that under 625 ILCS 5/11-604 the difference in the speed limit between adjacent altered speed zones shall not be greater than 10mph.

Scott Potter advised that more information should be gathered in order to ensure that the correct limit is posted. The group agreed.

PARKING ISSUES- SAUK TRAIL – CENTER ROAD TO ASH STREET

Chairman Dowding was contacted by John Burica and asked to discuss no parking on Sauk Trail between Center Rd and Ash St.

Chairman Dowding opened the conversation and explained that the roadway width (24') does not support two lane traffic with parallel parking on one side of the road. The group agreed. After some discussion Scott Potter (#2) made a motion to post the north side of Sauk Trail from Center Road to Ash Street no parking. Adam Nielsen seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

STOP SIGN REQUEST – 84th AVE @ NORTH AVE.

Terry Kestel was contacted by Bill Carlson and asked to consider the posting of new signage at the intersection of 84th Ave and North Ave.

Bill Carlson was not present at the meeting and the group agreed to table the issue until the next meeting.

TRAFFIC DISCUSSION – 9350 W. LARAWAY RD.

Chairman Dowding was contacted by Janine Farrell in reference to a proposal for a special use permit for a truck terminal at the above location.

Terry Kestel opened the discussion and advised that the proposal appeared to have minimal impact on village roadways. The group examined the survey and agreed.

SIGHT LINE DISCUSSION – ST. FRANCIS RD @ WALNUT CREEK DR.

Chairman Dowding was contacted by Terry Kestel in reference to a sight line discussion on St. Francis at Walnut Creek Drive. This matter was previously discussed at the May 5, 2021 Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting.

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.

There have been no new crashes, or any other issues noted at or near the intersection. The committee agreed to continue to monitor the situation and will discuss as needed.

TRAFFIC DISCUSSION – PARKING LOT ACCESS – 23050 S. LAGRANGE RD.

Chairman Dowding was contacted by Adam Nielsen in reference to a new parking entrance proposal at 23050 S. LaGrange Rd.

Adam Nielsen opened the conversation and advised that the property owners are proposing a parking lot entrance along Steger Rd just west of LaGrange Rd.

The group discussed the matter, and several questions were raised in reference to the location of the proposed driveway in relation to several pre-existing roadway features. The group agreed to conduct further investigation and re-visit the matter as needed.

TRAFFIC DISCUSSION – LARAWAY RD @ PFEIFFER RD.

Chairman Dowding was contacted by several concerned citizens in reference to the traffic situation on Laraway Rd at Pfeiffer Rd.

Deb Wolf and Laura Blakley both spoke in favor of additional traffic control measures at the intersection.

Chairman Dowding explained that the intersection and signage both fell under the jurisdiction of the Will County Highway Department. Terry Kestel stated that he would check the wattage of the streetlamp at the intersection (within the Village of Frankfort limits) and ensure that the luminescence was as bright as possible. The group agreed to revisit the discussion if needed.

SIGHT LINE ISSUES – OLD PLANK TRAIL @ WHITE ST.

Chairman Dowding was contacted by Terry Kestel in reference to sight line issues at the intersection of White St. and Old Plank Road Trail.

Terry Kestel opened the discussion and stated that a concerned citizen approached him about the large planters that are placed close to the intersection. The citizen felt that these planters prevented motorists from clearly seeing pedestrians as they near the intersection.

The group discussed the matter and agreed that the planters should be moved further back from the intersection so they would no longer be a sight line issue.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Several residents voiced their concern with the ally that connects White St. to Sauk Trail just west of Center Rd. Their concern was based on speed and volume of the current configuration as well as the development of pavement and a parking lot in the rear of the Brow Lounge.

Adam Nielsen stated that the Brow Lounge lot was only going to be used for employee parking and the lot would only have 8 spaces. Several residents asked for the alley to be closed on the south end or to make the alley only one-way.

Scott Potter advised that he would attempt to gather data through the use of a traffic study and would provide this group with the results.

The group advised that they would continue the discussion when more data is known.

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business John Burica made a motion (#3), seconded by Terry Kestel, to adjourn the Traffic Advisory Committee meeting on October 20, 2021 at 10:15 A.M. The motion was unanimously approved.