

VILLAGE OF FRANKFORT  
MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
October 26, 2017

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chairman Rob Piscia called the regular meeting of the Traffic Advisory Committee to order on Thursday, October 26, 2017 at 9:30 a.m.

In attendance were Chairman Rob Piscia, Police Chief John Burica, Deputy Chief Will Dowding, Public Works Superintendent Terry Kestel, Director of Development Services Jeff Cook, Building Supervisor Adam Nielsen, and Public Works Foreman Kevin Hack. Also in attendance were residents John Ingram and Rich Misirowski.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES (SEPTEMBER 6, 2017)

Director Cook made a motion (#1), seconded by Supervisor Nielsen, to approve the minutes of the Traffic Advisory Committee meeting of September 6, 2017. The motion to approve the minutes was unanimously approved.

SAFETY CONCERNS – INTERSECTION OF HARLEM AT STEGER ROAD

Chief Burica opened the discussion regarding a number of crash's that have happened at the intersection of Harlem Avenue and Steger Road. Chief Burica summarized that motorists who are travelling north on Harlem Avenue at night fail to realize that the roadway ends at Harlem Avenue and end up crashing into the field. This intersection is under the control of the Cook County Highway Department.

Following the presentation, it was noted that Superintendent Kestel will contact Cook County Highway to notify them of the incidents and ask them to install additional lighting.

OREGON STREET SIGNAGE REQUEST

Chief Burica presented an email from a resident requesting a "Children at Play" sign on Oregon Street, south of Nebraska Street. The resident asked for the sign due to the complaint of speeding vehicles in the area and a large number of young children in the neighborhood.

Following the discussion, it was the consensus of the Committee that since there were no special circumstances warranting the signage, i.e. Special needs, and that it should not be installed to minimize the proliferation of signs. Chief Burica advised he would contact the resident but that the police department would also run a special radar detail to watch for speeding vehicles.

## OHIO ROAD SIGNAGE REQUEST

Chair Piscia opened the discussion regarding an email he had received for a request from a resident on Ohio Road, west of Locust, for signage that indicated there was a special needs child in the area. These types of signs have been installed in the past to warn motorists of an enhanced safety risk.

Following discussion, Chairman Piscia made a motion (#2), seconded by Chief Burica to direct staff to install an advisory sign stating "Special needs child in area" on Ohio near the residents home. The motion was unanimously approved.

## LINCOLN-WAY EAST STUDENT PARKING ISSUES – LOCUST AND OHIO ROAD

Chair Piscia presented an email from a resident on Ohio Road, west of Locust, asking for the installation of "No Parking during school days" to address an issue with students from the high school parking in front of their house. Resident John Ingram was in attendance representing his wife who had sent the email. Mr. Ingram advised that several students were parking in front of his house and other homes on his street since the new signage prohibiting parking was installed on north Locust. Mr. Ingram asked for the same consideration for no parking due to the street having no curbs and the students partially parking in his grass adjacent to the roadway.

Deputy Chief Dowding advised that he had spoken to Mrs. Ingram to advise her that we would like to have additional input from other neighbors since any parking restrictions would affect them. This information was conveyed to Mr. Ingram.

Following the discussion, Mr. Ingram advised that he would speak to his neighbors to see if they were interested in a parking restriction similar to what was put in place on north Locust.

This item will be readdressed as needed.

## TRAFFIC ISSUES – PRESTWICK SUBDIVISION

Resident Rich Misorowski, who was representing the Prestwick Homeowner's association, was in attendance to discuss traffic issues within the Prestwick neighborhood. The first item Mr. Misorowski asked the committee to address was pertaining to the complaint of speeding vehicles on Aberdeen Road and Prestwick Drive. The perception from residents was there was a speeding problem on those streets. Chief Burica provided the Committee and Mr. Misorowski with speed studies that were done on Aberdeen and Prestwick Drive. It was determined that the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile of drivers were travelling at or below the posted speed limits. It was suggested that additional speed limits signs be placed on those streets near Harlem Avenue to remind drivers of the posted limit.

The second item Mr. Misorowski asked the Committee to address a parking issue at Harlem Avenue and Aberdeen Road. Mr. Misorowski stated that there have been vehicles parked on Aberdeen very close to the intersection with Harlem Avenue. This has created a hazard for

motorists turning off of Harlem due to limited sight distances. Mr. Misiowski requested that this area be posted as “No parking, stopping or standing” to elevate this problem.

Following discussion, Chief Burica made a motion (#3), seconded by Director Cook to forward a recommendation to the Departmental of Operations Committee to post “no parking, stopping, or standing corner to here” signage from Harlem Avenue 175 feet west on the north side of Aberdeen. The motion was unanimously approved.

The Committee, at Mr. Misiowski’s request, directed staff to place a sign on the south side of Aberdeen to remind drivers that it was illegal to park with 30 feet of stop sign.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

None.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business, Superintendent Kestel made a motion (#4), seconded by Deputy Chief Dowding, to adjourn the Traffic Advisory Committee meeting of October 26, 2017 at 10:10 A.M. The motion was unanimously approved.