

VILLAGE OF FRANKFORT  
MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
March 15, 2017

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chairman Rob Piscia called the regular meeting of the Traffic Advisory Committee to order on Wednesday, March 15, 2017 at 2:00 P.M.

In attendance were Chairman Rob Piscia, Administrator Jerry Ducay, Police Chief John Burica, Public Works Superintendent Terry Kestel, Community Development Director Jeff Cook, Building Supervisor Adam Nielsen, Community Relations Manager Mary Canino and Public Works Foreman Kevin Hack. Also in attendance were residents Lucretia Bullock, Gregory Stanek, Bill Evers, Barb Miller and Ed Miller.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES (November 14, 2016)

Superintendent Kestel made a motion (#1), seconded by Chief Burica, to approve the minutes of the Traffic Advisory Committee meeting of November 14, 2016. The motion to approve the minutes was unanimously approved.

PARKING ISSUES NEAR LINCOLN-WAY EAST HIGH SCHOOL

Chair Piscia opened the discussion regarding student parking issues in neighborhoods and commercial areas near Lincoln-Way East High School. There were several topics pertaining to restricted parking near the high school on the agenda including:

- Request to restrict parking on Locust St, north of Colorado Ave.
- Request to restrict parking on Ohio Road, west of Locust St.
- Request to rescind the current parking restrictions.

Chair Piscia noted that staff had received emails from different residents requesting additional parking restrictions as noted above.

Following a brief opening, Chair Piscia asked the residents in attendance if they would like to make any comments related to any of the high school parking topics. Mrs. Lucretia Bullock opened the discussion requesting consideration of rescinding the current parking restrictions around the high school, especially on Bankview Drive. Mrs. Bullock explained that the parking restrictions were putting an undue hardship on those families that were not eligible for a high school parking pass and their children were participating in after school activities. Additionally, Mrs. Bullock explained that Lincoln Way High Schools do not offer supplementary transportation for those students in extracurricular activities so the students have no way to get home, especially if both parents are working, after their events.

Following Mrs. Bullock's comments, the other residents in attendance advised that they heard that there was a consideration of rescinding the new parking restrictions. They all advised that they were not in favor of rescinding the restrictions but they were open to potential compromises

as long as all of the other residents were consulted. There were not any comments on the requests for additional parking restrictions.

Following the residents comments, the Committee deliberated on various potential options. Following the discussion, there were no motions to proceed with any changes to the parking restrictions that were recently approved. The Committee further noted that it would discuss this topic again in the fall at the start of the school year to address issues that might arise.

#### LENNON COURT – NO OUTLET SIGNAGE REQUEST

Chief Burica opened the discussion regarding resident concerns he had received via email regarding motorists believing that Lennon Court was a potential through street.

Following the discussion, Chief Burica made a motion (#2), seconded by Administrator Ducay to post “No Outlet” at the entrance to Lennon Court. The motion was passed with Superintendent Kestel opposed.

#### STEGER ROAD – SPEED LIMIT REQUESTS

Administrator Ducay started the discussion regarding various speed limit requests along Steger Road. Administrator Ducay advised that he had received an email from a resident who was concerned about the lack of signage regarding speed limit changes along Steger Road from Center Road to Harlem Avenue.

Following the discussion, Superintendent Kestel was directed to investigate the area to insure there was proper regulatory signage in areas within the Village of Frankfort’s jurisdictional control as it pertained to speed changes on Steger Road. Superintendent Kestel would install any missing signage, if any.

Additionally, Chief Burica presented an email requesting the speed limit on Steger Road be increased between Route 45 and Scheer Road now that improvements were completed. It was noted that the speed limit on Steger Road had been 35 mph prior to the installation of curbing and pavement widening. Chief Burica advised that a traffic survey was recently completed which showed 85% of motorists travelling near 45 mph. It was recommended that based on standards, that Steger Road be changed to 40 mph from its current 35 mph.

Following the discussion, a motion (#3) was made by Chief Burica, seconded by Superintendent Kestel to recommend to a Village Board Committee that the speed limit on Steger Road, between Route 45 and Scheer Road be changed to 40 mph from the current 35 mph.

#### MAPLE STREET – TRUCK TRAFFIC ISSUE

Chief Burica opened the discussion regarding a request from a resident living at Maple Street and Pacific Road complaining that truck traffic routinely uses Maple Street to make deliveries to Borg Warner by mistake. It then requires the truck driver to use other residential streets in order to make the proper delivery along Locust Street.

Following the discussion, a motion (#4) was made by Chief Burica, seconded by Supervisor Nielsen to recommend to a Village Board Committee that a “No Truck Traffic” sign be placed at Nebraska Street and Maple Street. The motion was unanimously passed.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

Director Cook opened the discussion regarding a request from the current Developer of the Crystal Brook subdivision pertaining to a change to the location of a secondary access point from the originally platted site. Director Cook reminded the Committee that the original location of the secondary access point was to be placed in the northeast corner of the development along Harlem Avenue, well away from the primary access point on Steger Road. Due to topographical challenges, the developer would like to add the required secondary access point also on Steger Road further west of the current primary access. The Developer was also asking not to have to add turn lanes to Steger Road for the secondary access. Director Cook asked for direction from the Committee to discuss the proposal with the Developer.

Following the discussion, a motion (#5) was made by Chair Piscia, seconded by Superintendent Kestel to have the Developer place the secondary access in its originally plated location. If this could not be achieved, the motion included a caveat that any secondary access point would require the proper turn lanes for safe vehicular movement. The motion was unanimously passed. Director Cook will follow-up with the Developer regarding this issue.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business, Chief Burica made a motion (#6), seconded by Superintendent Kestel, to adjourn the Traffic Advisory Committee meeting of March 15, 2017 at 3:20 P.M. The motion was unanimously approved.