

VILLAGE OF FRANKFORT
MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
JANUARY 3, 2018

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chairman Rob Piscia called the regular meeting of the Traffic Advisory Committee to order on Wednesday, January 3, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.

In attendance were Chairman Rob Piscia, Assistant Village Administrator Jeff Cook, Police Chief John Burica, Deputy Chief Will Dowding and Public Works Superintendent Terry Kestel. Also in attendance were residents Emily Bath, Tashika Williams, Lindsey Olson, Lyndsay Ankowiak, and Steve Nepkin.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES (October 26, 2017)

Chief Burica made a motion (#1), seconded by Superintendent Kestel, to approve the minutes of the Traffic Advisory Committee meeting of October 26, 2017. The motion to approve the minutes was unanimously approved.

TRAFFIC CONTROL PLAN FOR OLDE STONE VILLAGE

Recently, staff was made aware that Olde Stone Village did not have traffic control signage in the subdivision. As a result, the Committee reviewed a traffic control plan and made slight changes.

Following discussion, a motion (#2) was made by Deputy Chief Dowding, seconded by Assistant Administrator Cook to forward a recommendation to the Departmental of Operations Committee to adopt the traffic control plan for the Olde Stone Village subdivision as presented below.

Stop Intersections:

1. Zermatt Drive: Westbound @ 116th Avenue
2. Torino Way: Southbound @ Zermatt Drive, 200 feet east of 116th Avenue
3. Zermatt Drive: Northbound @ Zermatt Drive
4. York Court: Eastbound @ Dublin Way
5. Dublin Court: Southbound @ York Drive
6. York Drive: Westbound @ Dublin Way
7. Dublin Way: Northbound @ York Drive
8. York Drive: Eastbound @ Wolf Road
9. Dublin Way: Southbound @ Steger Road

Yield Intersections:

10. Torino Way: Southbound @ Zermatt Drive
11. Munich Court: Southbound @ Zermatt Drive
12. Vienna Way: Westbound @ Zermatt Drive
13. Perth Court: Southbound @ Zermatt Drive
14. Chimay Court: Westbound @ Dublin Way

FULL ACCESS REQUEST FOR SARA SPRINGS SUBDIVISION

Residents Lindsey Olson, Lyndsay Ankowiak and Steve Nepkin were in attendance to request consideration of changing the right-in/right out access for the Sara Springs Subdivision onto US Route 45 to a full access intersection. Mr. Nepkin summarized his and his neighbors request for the change citing safety concerns and other issues that are caused by the current limited access into and from Sara Springs at Route 45.

Following Mr. Nepkin's remarks, the Committee provided the residents an overview of the procedures required to change the access intersection for Sara Springs. Most importantly, it was noted that the access onto US Route 45 is controlled by the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) so any changes would have to be reviewed and approved under their authority. It was also noted that such a change would be quite costly to construct.

Following the discussion, it was determined that the residents in attendance would attempt to circulate a petition among the residents of Sara Springs and Vistana outlining their support of a change to a full access onto Route 45. Upon receipt of the petition, staff would forward the request to IDOT for consideration. More to follow.

TRAFFIC CONCERNS AT PFIEFFER AND LARAWAY ROAD

Residents Emily Bath and Tashika Williams were in attendance to request changing the intersection of Pfeiffer and Laraway Roads to a 4-way stop intersection or an intersection with a traffic signal. The intersection of Pfeiffer Road at Laraway is currently configured with stop signs only for north and southbound Pfeiffer with no control on Laraway. Mrs. Bath and Mrs. Williams live in the Stone Creek subdivision and regularly have to traverse the intersection. They stated there have seen numerous accidents at that location with three happening in the month of December. They believe that traffic signals or additional stop signs are necessary.

Following their remarks, the Committee provided an overview of the procedures necessary for the installation of additional traffic control signage at that location. Most importantly, it was noted that Laraway Road was under the jurisdictional control of the Will County Highway Department and any changes would have to be reviewed and approved by them. It was also noted that the Will County Highway Department was currently studying the Laraway corridor for future expansion and improvements. Therefore, it was doubtful that any changes would be considered at this time.

Following the discussion, it was the consensus of the Committee that Superintendent Kestel would contact the Will County Highway Department with the aforementioned request for improvements at Laraway and Pfeiffer. Staff would also explore ways to improve visibility for traffic travelling north and south on Pfeiffer as they approach Laraway Road.

PARKING CONCERNS FOR MODERN FOOD CONCEPTS – 22813 CHALLENGER ROAD

Chair Piscia opened the discussion regarding a voicemail he had received for a request from the owner of Modern Food Concepts located at 22813 Challenger Road to post no parking along the west side of Challenger Road adjacent to the building he occupies. The requester wanted the no parking because his company was having difficulty receiving deliveries and maneuvering semi-trucks as part of his business operations due to vehicles parked along the street. Modern Food concepts shares a building with an auto collision repair shop. Superintendent Kestel has also been in contact with the owner of Modern Concepts regarding the problem. Superintendent Kestel advised that the owner of Modern Concepts has discussed the issue with his neighbor and it appears a compromise was reached.

Following discussion, it was the consensus of the Committee that there was no support to create parking restrictions to specifically benefit an individual business as it would set a problematic precedent. Superintendent Kestel will contact Modern Concepts with this determination. No further action on this item.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business, Superintendent Kestel made a motion (#3), seconded by Chief Burica, to adjourn the Traffic Advisory Committee meeting of January 3, 2018 at 2:55 p.m. The motion was unanimously approved.