

**VILLAGE OF FRANKFORT
MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
MAY 16, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chairman William Dowding called the regular meeting of the Traffic Advisory Committee to order on Wednesday, May 16, 2018 at 9:00 A.M.

In attendance were Chairman William Dowding, Village Administrator Rob Piscia, Assistant Village Administrator Jeff Cook, Police Chief John Burica, Public Works Superintendent Terry Kestel, and Public Works Foreman Kevin Hack. Also in attendance was resident Nick Schalmo.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES (January 3, 2018)

Jeff Cook made a motion (#1), seconded by John Burica, to approve the minutes of the Traffic Advisory Committee meeting of January 3, 2018. The motion to approve the minutes was unanimously approved.

TRAFFIC SIGNAGE REQUESTS

A. PARKING CONCERNS ON EAST BOWEN STREET

Resident Nick Schalmo (of 31 East Bowen) contacted the village via email and requested that East Bowen be posted "No Parking" for the Bluegrass Festival. Mr. Schalmo felt that cars parking on both sides of the street made it difficult for two cars to pass. Adding to the congestion is the fact that foot traffic is forced to walk in the roadway, due to lack of sidewalks. Mr. Schalmo recalled a crash involving parked cars that occurred on East Bowen last year during the Bluegrass Festival. Mr. Schalmo felt that no parking on both sides of the street would reduce the issue(s).

Mr. Schalmo was present at the meeting and verbally expressed his concerns. Mr. Schalmo stated that he has discussed this matter with his neighbors and they agree with the temporary parking ban.

Rob Piscia, Jeff Cook, and John Burica all agreed that the volume of people that attend the Bluegrass Festival has increased since its inception. This growth has directly impacted the traffic, parking, and pedestrian traffic in the downtown area.

Currently, East Bowen is posted "No Parking" on both sides of the street from White St. to Lawndale Blvd. for Saturday, Sunday, and Monday of Fall Festival. The roadway has no sidewalks or curbs.

The committee discussed the matter. John Burica cited the growth of the Bluegrass Festival, the lack of curbs/sidewalks, and the fact that the same roadway is posted no parking for Fall Festival. Chairman Dowding agreed with his assessment.

Following the discussion, John Burica made a motion (#2), seconded by Terry Kestel, to recommend that "No-Parking" be posted on both sides of East Bowen from White St. to Lawndale Blvd during the Bluegrass Festival weekend **from 8am - 8pm**. The motion was unanimously approved.

A letter will be sent to area residents advising them of the proposed change, inviting them to comment prior to further action.

B. STOP/YIELD SIGN: 95th AVE AT LAWNDALE COURT

A resident asked for signage at the intersection of 95th Ave at Lawndale Court. Currently, there is no traffic control signage at that intersection. Chief Burica checked the local ordinance and found nothing regulating that 3 way intersection.

John Burica opened the discussion and spoke about the increased traffic at that intersection. Jeff Cook agreed and felt signage was needed. The group debated possible signage and determined that a "Yield" sign would best fit the 3 way intersection, partially due to the fact that one leg of the intersection immediately enters a cul-de-sac.

Following the discussion John Burica made a motion (#3), seconded by Terry Kestel to recommend that a "Yield" sign with "Cross traffic does not stop" signage below be posted at southbound 95th Street at Lawndale Court. The motion was unanimously approved.

A letter will be sent to area residents advising them of the proposed change, inviting them to comment prior to further action.

C. BLOCKING OF MAILBOXES ON NEBRASKA STREET

Amy Goldsmith of 218 W. Nebraska Street contacted the village and advised that there had been some issue with parking in front of her mailbox. Jeff Cook made contact with Amy Goldsmith and discovered that this issue was intermittent. Jeff Cook suggested that Ms. Smith should also contact the post office to see if they had a possible solution.

Jeff Cook opened the discussion and stated that the cars parking in this area are legally parked, and that the issue does not appear to be constant. William Dowding added that he had checked the area several times over the last few weeks and did not see any cars parked on the street in the 200 block of W. Nebraska. John Burica suggested that the mailboxes could be moved to the south side of Nebraska where there would be no legal parking. At the conclusion of the discussion the committee felt that no action was needed in reference to this matter. However, Terry Kestel

advised he would contact the Frankfort Post Office to see if they may have other remedies for this intermittent issue.

Jeff Cook will contact Ms. Goldsmith and advise her of the committee's discussion.

D. PARKING CONCERNS ON STEGER ROAD EAST OF CENTER ROAD

Staff was notified of parking issues on Steger Road from Center Road to the 9400 block. These parking issues are generally associated with Hammar's Barn Sale 23133 S Center Road. The latest incident occurred on April 21st, 2018 when they were having a sale. There are no curbs or sidewalks on Steger Road and cars parking on both sides of the road make it difficult for vehicles to travel safely on Steger Road.

Terry Kestel opened the discussion and advised that he spoke with the owners of Hammar's Barn Sale 23133 S Center Road. The owners advised that they would only have a few sales per year, and did not feel that this would be a constant problem. The owners also agreed that they would attempt to get more of their customers to park on their property at 23133 S. Center Road. John Burica added that even one sale per year with the parking procedures used on April 21st, 2018 would be problematic.

Following the discussion Terry Kestel made a motion (#4), seconded by Jeff Cook to recommend "No Parking" signage for Steger Rd from Center Rd to S. Center Rd. for both sides of the street, and "No Parking" signage for Steger Rd (North side of street) from S. Center Rd to 9436 W Steger Rd. The motion was unanimously approved.

A letter will be sent to area residents advising them of the proposed change, inviting them to comment prior to further action.

OTHER BUSINESS

Terry Kestel was contacted by Jim Grady of 42 McDonald Lane in reference to adding a "Slow children at play" sign to the existing "Dead End" signage.

Jeff Cook opened the discussion and explained that the committee must use caution when adding signage to existing signage. Terry Kestel added that McDonald Lane is fairly unique due to the lack of curbs, sidewalks, and the fact that it is a dead end street.

Following the discussion it was agreed that the informational sign would be added to the existing signage. Kevin Hack advised he would ensure the installation.

Rob Piscia requested that all members of the committee work on parking control measures in the downtown area. Some of the suggestions made by Rob Piscia included / but not limited to:

- License plate reading technology
- Parking permits

- Analyze street parking around the downtown area
- Tire chalking
- Timed parking
- Village Sticker (to monitor parking)

Rob Piscia asked the committee to consider all options in this matter and bring them back to the committee as soon as possible. The committee agreed and would send all information gathered to Chairman Dowding.

Rob Piscia asked that additional safety measures be explored at the White Street / Old Plank Trail Crossing. Specifically, he requested that a “user activated” crossing light be explored.

Terry Kestel agreed to look into the sign and would present this information at the next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Dowding advised that the next committee meeting would be on June 6, 2018 at 1:00 P.M.

Hearing no further business John Burica made a motion (#5), seconded by Terry Kestel, to adjourn the Traffic Advisory Committee meeting of May 16, 2018 at 9:57am. The motion was unanimously approved