

VILLAGE OF FRANKFORT
MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
June 6, 2018

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chairman William Dowding called the meeting of the Traffic Advisory Committee to order on Wednesday, June 6, 2018 at 1:00 P.M.

In attendance were Chairman William Dowding, Village Administrator Rob Piscia, Police Chief John Burica, and Public Works Superintendent Terry Kestel.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES (May 16, 2018)

Terry Kestel made a motion (#1), seconded by John Burica, to approve the minutes of the Traffic Advisory Committee meeting of May 16, 2018. The motion to approve the minutes was unanimously approved.

PROGRESS REPORTS

- **PARKING CONCERNS - EAST BOWEN STREET**
 - Letters sent out to area residents advising of the possible change.
 - **No comments received to date.**

- **STOP/YIELD SIGN : 95th AVE AT LAWNSDALE COURT**
 - Letters sent out to area residents advising of the possible change.
 - **No comments received to date.**

- **BLOCKING OF MAILBOXES ON NEBRASKA STREET**
 - Jeff Cook: was contact made with Ms. Goldsmith?
 - **Unknown – Chairman Dowding will follow up with Jeff Cook**

- **PARKING CONCERNS ON STEGER ROAD EAST OF CENTER ROAD**
 - Letters sent out to area residents advising of the possible change.
 - **No comments received to date.**

- **DEAD END SIGNAGE ON MCDONALD LANE**
 - Kevin Hack: was the informational signage installed?
 - **Terry Kestel advised “Yes”**

DOWNTOWN PARKING CONTROL MEASURES

Last meeting Rob Piscia asked the committee to explore different options to address several complaints surrounding the parking in the downtown area. Chairman Dowding opened the discussion and explained a license plate reading system called autoChalk. In summary, the system would be installed on a police vehicle and would allow the reading of license plates to identify (timed) parking violators. The software is extremely customizable and would allow for

various forms of enforcement. The cost is estimated not to exceed \$50,000.00 for one squad to be outfitted with this system.

John Burica continued the discussion and presented a proposal for “3 hour parking” signage to be posted at several areas in the downtown area. In this proposal, he also included a “permit parking” area along streets south of Nebraska. Terry Kestel related that this permit area would be needed in order to address the parking problem migration.

Rob Piscia continued the discussion and proposed the use of a “Historic District” village sticker that could be distributed to residents who reside in the area in order to assist with a “permit parking system”.

Chairman Dowding explained the option of implementing the Parking BOXX smart parking meter system. This would allow a customizable parking experience by using a ticket system. Those parking in the area would need to get a time stamped ticket from the machine and place it in their window allowing for time limits to be enforced. Again, the discussion returned to what time limits should be implemented.

The group discussed the issues surrounding the parking problem and could not reach a consensus on the matter. Rob Piscia suggested moving forward with various plans that could be presented to the Departmental Operations Committee for further input.

Chairman Dowding agreed and requested the committee to come up with various proposals for public comment. These proposals will range from taking no action, to several “timed parking” areas and durations of time. They will also include several methods of enforcement ranging from signage only, to single point parking meters and license plate reader technology. Once complete these proposals will be presented to the Departmental Operations Committee in an attempt to seek further direction.

WHITE STREET / OLD PLANK ROAD TRAIL CROSSING SAFETY MEASURES

Last meeting Rob Piscia asked the committee to explore different options to address trail crossing safety measures at White Street and Old Plank Road Trail.

Chairman Dowding opened the discussion and advised that he had spoken with the Orland Park IL Police Department and asked them about their “crossing flag” program. In summary this consists of two buckets, attached to a poles, on the opposite sides of the road, near an intersection. The buckets contain several high visibility flags that can be used by people crossing the intersection. Orland Park Police monitor these intersections regularly and noticed that very few of the pedestrians use the flags. They have noticed no difference in vehicle / pedestrian crashes at these intersections since the “crossing flag” program has been implemented.

Chairman Dowding continued the discussion proposing the use of a solar-powered rectangular rapid flashing sign. The sign would be activated by the pedestrian via a small “bulldog” push

button attached to the bottom of the pole. The system carries a price likely not to exceed \$8000.00. Rob Piscia questioned the look and the bright flashing lights on the sign and wondered if it would fit in with its surroundings.

Terry Kestel proposed a similar sign that simply had flashing LED lights on the perimeter of the pedestrian crossing sign. This sign was also solar-powered but would flash constantly (24 hrs per day). Again, the group questioned the use of the sign. Chairman Dowding wondered if motorists would adjust to the constantly flashing sign and simply ignore the alert. The group agreed. Rob Piscia liked the signage, but did not like that the LED lights would flash constantly. Chairman Dowding asked Terry Kestel to explore options that would allow this type of sign to be pedestrian activated only, and return with pricing and options. Terry Kestel agreed.

OTHER BUSINESS

No other business.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business, John Burica made a motion (#2), seconded by Terry Kestel, to adjourn the Traffic Advisory Committee meeting of June 6, 2018 at 1:55 P.M. The motion was unanimously approved.