

VILLAGE OF FRANKFORT
MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
August 1, 2018

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chairman William Dowding called the meeting of the Traffic Advisory Committee to order on Wednesday, August 1, 2018 at 1:00 PM.

In attendance were Chairman William Dowding, Jeff Cook, John Burica, Terry Kestel, Scott Potter, Kevin Hack, and Kirk Nissen.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES (May 16th, 2018)

John Burica made a motion (#1), seconded by Terry Kestel, to approve the minutes of the Traffic Advisory Committee meeting of June 6, 2018. The motion to approve the minutes was unanimously approved.

PROGRESS REPORTS

- **PARKING CONCERNS - DOWNTOWN**
 - John Burica and Chairman Dowding have prepared several possible options including no action
 - These options will be presented to the departmental operations committee seeking further direction at a later date.

- **TRAIL CROSSING AT WHITE STREET**
 - Terry Kestel presented information and pricing for a set of pedestrian activated lighted signs. (See Attached)
 - This option will be presented to the departmental operations committee seeking further direction at a later date.

- **BLOCKING OF MAILBOXES ON NEBRASKA STREET**
 - Jeff Cook was able to make contact with Ms. Goldsmith

CENTER ROAD / CN RAILROAD TRACKS

The TAC received an anonymous letter from a resident drawing attention to a potential speed problems on Center Road between Sauk Trail and the CN Railroad tracks. The letter also listed potential speeding issues on Nebraska and White Street. The author gave several recommendations for additional signage, and planters to be erected in the area. (See attached for details)

Scott Potter opened the discussion and advised that he is currently conducting a traffic / speed study in the area and will provide this group with the information gathered once complete. He added that the police department currently conducts enhanced traffic control in the area on a regular basis.

Chairman Dowding added that he feels that the current CN railroad crossing configuration naturally causes traffic to slow. Jeff Cook agreed.

John Burica noted that the 25 MPH speed signage on Center just north of the CN track appeared worn and may attract more attention if the signage was simply replaced. Jeff Cook, Terry Kestel, and Scott Potter agreed.

Terry Kestel advised that he would ensure that replacement signs were posted. The committee will review traffic study information when it becomes available.

COLORADO / OHIO VISIBILITY ISSUES

With recent construction at the former water treatment facility the question of visibility has been brought to the attention of the traffic advisory committee.

John Burica opened the conversation by stating that if a motorist is heading north on Ohio at Colorado it becomes very difficult to see approaching eastbound traffic on Colorado. William Dowding added the photo included in the packet clearly shows that the current fence configuration is the cause of the sight line obstruction.

Jeff Cook felt that additional modifications to the property may be forthcoming and the current configuration may be temporary. He suggested that Tony Minette be contacted for further clarification.

Chairman Dowding will contact Tony Minette for clarification.

7 & 11 NORTH WHITE STREET REDEVELOPMENT – PROPOSED TRAFFIC FLOW

The Plan Commission requested a recommendation from the Traffic Advisory Committee in reference to the traffic flow for the redevelopment of the 7 and 11 North White Street project.

Jeff Cook presented the project to the group. Several options and flow patterns were discussed including: two-way traffic, one-way traffic, right turn only upon exit, and many others. Following discussion, it was the consensus of the Traffic Advisory Committee to recommend that the north parking lot access to White Street of the property be marked “Exit Only”.

Traffic Advisory Committee recommends that the north parking lot access to White Street of the property be marked “Exit Only” and the northern drive aisle width be increased from 22’ to 24’ to better accommodate two-way traffic flow.

OTHER BUSINESS

Terry Kestel proposed that "Hidden Driveway" signage be erected on the 9400 Block of Steger Road. Terry Kestel explained that a new residence had been built on property accessing Steger Road, and due to trees and foliage additional informative signage was warranted.

The group discussed the signage and agreed that the informational signage would be appropriate.

Terry Kestel will have "Hidden Driveway" signage erected in the 9400 block of Steger Road.

Scott Potter proposed that informational signage "Cross Traffic Does Not Stop" be erected on Steger Road at Center Road. He has noticed increased traffic on Steger Rd and crop growth obstructing views of east / west traffic. Scott Potter feels that this informational signage is beneficial and appropriate at this time.

The group discussed the matter and felt that this informational signage would be beneficial and appropriate at this time.

Terry Kestel will erect "Cross Traffic Does Not Stop" signage on Steger Rd near the intersection of Center Road.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kirk Nissen explained that he has a difficult time exiting Elwood Street / West Bowen onto White Street during the Farmers Market. He felt that this was a traffic safety issue and requested the Traffic Advisory Committee examine the matter.

Chairman Dowding confirmed with Mr. Nissen that he felt the issue occurred only during events, and was not a constant problem. Mr. Nissen confirmed that it was only an issue during the Frankfort Farmers Market, and sometimes during the Thursday night car shows. Chairman Dowding advised Mr. Nissen that the Traffic Advisory Committee would examine the issue and would ensure he was contacted with the results.

Chairman Dowding will research and analyze crashes at those intersections. He will relate his findings to the committee at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business Scott Potter made a motion (#2), seconded by John Burica, to adjourn the Traffic Advisory Committee meeting of August 1, 2018 at 1:45 PM. The motion was unanimously approved.