

VILLAGE OF FRANKFORT
MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
September 5th, 2018

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chairman William Dowding called the meeting of the Traffic Advisory Committee to order on Wednesday, September 5th, 2018 at 1:00pm

In attendance were Chairman William Dowding, Jeff Cook, John Burica, Terry Kestel, Kevin Hack, William Lang, Sarah Hogeveen, Brian O’Leary, Joan Dietrich, Sam Egglesfield, Kim Miller

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES (August 1st, 2018)

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

PROGRESS REPORTS

- CENTER ROAD / CN TRACKS
 - Sgt. Potter conducted a traffic study
 - Average speed 27.02mph
 - See attached report for full details
 - Terry Kestel advised new signs had been posted
- 9400 BLK OF STEGER RD - “HIDDEN DRIVEWAY” SIGNAGE
 - Terry Kestel advised that signs had been posted
- STEGER RD AT CENTER RD – “CROSS TRAFFIC DOES NOT STOP” SIGNAGE
 - Terry Kestel advised that signs had been posted
- ELWOOD ST / WEST BOWEN AT WHITE ST – PARKING / TRAFFIC ISSUES
 - The Traffic Advisory Committee to recommend that the north parking lot access to the “new” White Street lot be marked “Exit Only”, and the northern drive aisle width be increased from 22’ to 24’ to better accommodate two-way traffic flow.

Crash data showed:

Date	Location
5/12/16	White St/ Elwood
5/23/16	White St/ E. Bowen
2/09/17	White St/ E. Bowen
7/09/17	E. Bowen / White

- COLORADO / OHIO VISIBILITY ISSUES
 - Jeff Cook presented several modifications to the intersection striping and fence design that should remedy the visibility issues

JOLIET BICYCLE CLUB SIGN REQUEST “STATE LAW – 3 FT MIN TO PASS BIKES”

The Joliet Bicycle Club / Ride Illinois contacted the Village of Frankfort and requested that we post an informational sign on Pfeiffer Rd south of Sauk Trail. They have identified this segment of roadway as a “high exposure location” that has “significant bike use”. Additionally, the roadway has no paved shoulders and a traffic count of 2250/day. The sign would be provided by the Joliet Bicycle Club / Ride Illinois free of charge.

Joan Dietrich and William Lang were present and represented the Joliet Bicycle Club. They explained the need for the signage and felt that it would increase driver awareness. They also asked about the current train crossing at Pfeiffer Rd and Sauk Trail. Terry Kestel explained that issues with CN Railroad and the pedestrian crossing gates. All agreed that this was an inconvenience.

John Burica researched the current Illinois law and confirmed the validity of the informational signage. The group agreed that the signs should be posted. Joan Dietrich and William Lang advised that they would assist the Village in obtaining the free informational signage.

Traffic Advisory Committee recommends the signs. Terry Kestel would ensure that the signs were posted.

COLORADO AVE – LEFT TURN LANE AT LAGRANGE RD

Chairman Dowding was contacted by Frankfort resident Joe Goler in reference to the left turn lane violations that have been occurring on Colorado Ave at LaGrange Road. According to Mr. Goler these violations occur at approximately 230pm on weekdays, and have coincided with the beginning of the school year. He noted that it appeared that students and even bus drivers were violating the law.

Chairman Dowding stated that the group of Seniors On Patrol had been assigned to conduct observation on the intersection. Sgt Bender reported: *Our Seniors on Patrol Group completed a traffic detail on 08/28/18 at 2:30 pm to monitor violations of the center median on Colorado west of Bankview drive. Below are the findings:*

School Bus Violations: Buses numbered 929, 806, 624, 600, 937, 940, 928, 615 and 174 all violated the center median at Aspen and Colorado. Once the buses drove through the center median more vehicles followed.

Personal vehicles in violation: During our half hour observation period, we had ten vehicles violate the center median. Warning letters will be issued to these violators. Chairman Dowding advised that the issue had been added to the daily traffic activity sheets and additional traffic details had been conducted.

Sarah Hogeveen and Brian O'Leary who represent Lincoln Way East High School were present. Both agreed that they were aware of the issue and had taken steps to ensure that students were aware of the consequences of their actions. They had made several announcements to the student body and felt that adequate notice had been given. They were given the school bus numbers and advised they would forward the information to the transportation department.

All agreed that we would continue to monitor the situation and revisit if necessary.

Sarah Hogeveen and Brian O'Leary requested that the Village of Frankfort fix the flashing school zone signs on Colorado Ave (East Facing). Terry Kestel advised that Public Works would examine and fix the signs.

DEWEY CIRCLE INFORMATIONAL SIGNAGE REQUEST- "NO OUTLET"

Chairman Dowding was contacted by Tammy Eggesfield who lives on Dewey Circle. She stated that recently Dewey Circle has seen an increase of "turn around traffic" that simply turns around and drives away. Tammy feels that motorists mistake Dewey Circle for a thru street to the historic downtown area. Tammy notes that when the motorists realize that they have made a mistake they drive quickly out of Dewey Circle.

Sam Eggesfield and Kim Miller were present and spoke about the increased traffic and speeds. Currently, the intersection only has one "No Outlet" sign. Sam and Kim felt the additional informational signage would help alert motorists that the roadway did not go through.

Chairman Dowding showed the committee photos of the intersection and the group discussed the current signage. Terry Kestel stated that simply adding a second sign to Dewey Circle would be the most effective use of the signage. All agreed

Traffic Advisory Committee recommends posting the informational signage "No Outlet" on both sides of Dewey Circle at Folkers Drive. Terry Kestel would ensure that the sign was posted.

PARKING IN FRONT OF 32 W. NEBRASKA ST

The Village received an email from Deborah Hardwick advising us of parking concerns on Nebraska St in front of 32 West. This issue stems from motorists parking facing eastbound on Nebraska St.

Jeff Cook opened the discussion and noted that when someone parks in this area they actually park in a lane of traffic. When the driver of the vehicle exits their car their door swings near the center line of the lane markers.

Chairman Dowding stated that this type of parking infraction is extremely rare and is not a constant problem. The group agreed and felt that no action was needed.

OTHER BUSINESS

Jeff Cook discussed additional parking issues in the area of Elwood and Bowen. John Burica questioned the distance of parked cars location from the intersection(s). Additional measurements will be needed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business Jeff Cook made a motion (#2), seconded by John Burica, to adjourn the Traffic Advisory Committee meeting of the September 5th, 2018 at 2:01pm. The motion was unanimously approved.