

**VILLAGE OF FRANKFORT**  
**MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**JANUARY 8, 2020**

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Chairman William Dowding called the regular meeting of the Traffic Advisory Committee to order on Wednesday, January 8, 2020, at 9:00 A.M.

In attendance were Chairman William Dowding, Scott Potter, John Burica, Terry Kestel, Jeff Cook, and Greg Ehman.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES (November 6, 2019)**

Terry Kestel made a motion (#1), seconded by Scott Potter, to approve the minutes of the Traffic Advisory Committee meeting of November 6, 2019. The motion to approve the minutes was approved by all members with Jeff Cook abstaining.

**PROGRESS REPORTS**

- TRAFFIC STUDY UPDATE
  - Scott Potter updated the group on the current status of his traffic studies, explaining that many studies are ongoing and data is currently being collected.
  - Scott Potter related that a second speed trailer has arrived and will be deployed shortly.

**ABBEY WOODS – SPEED CONCERNS**

Chairman Dowding was contacted by Mr. Greg Ehman of the Abbey Woods HOA in reference to traffic concerns in the Abbey Woods subdivision. Mr. Ehman was present at the meeting and he expressed his concerns with the current traffic situation, and the suggested expansion of Pfeiffer Rd.

Chairman Dowding opened the discussion and asked Mr. Ehman if the targeted patrol that was posted for the subdivision had any effect? Mr. Ehman advised that it had. He explained that the single vehicle that many residents reported speeding – no longer drives through the subdivision.

Chairman Dowding asked Mr. Ehman to share the email of [traffic@frankfortpolice.net](mailto:traffic@frankfortpolice.net) with all members of his HOA. Asking them to provide vehicle description and plate information, as well as time of day / day of the week can help law enforcement provide a targeted response.

Mr. Ehman made several suggestions of additional signage possibilities. Terry Kestel suggested “Strictly Enforced” signage be added to the speed limit signs in the subdivision. The group agreed.

Scott Potter advised that he would conduct additional traffic studies in the area to check speed and volume. He would also post extra traffic details along Abbey Drive. Mr. Ehman thanked the group for the response and attention to his issues.

Chairman Dowding explained that he would ensure that needed email and contact information was relayed to Mr. Ehman.

### **HAWTHORNE & COTTONWOOD ROAD – 4 WAY STOP REQUEST**

Chairman Dowding was contacted by Lauren Gray in reference to the intersection of Hawthorne & Cottonwood. In summary Ms. Gray cited several concerns she had about the safety of the intersection.

Chairman Dowding opened the discussion noting that currently the traffic on Hawthorne has to stop. Chairman Dowding could find no reported crashes in the intersection going back to 2015. There were however 6 stop sign violations from 2015 to present.

Scott Potter added that he had posted an extra traffic detail at this intersection and would be conducting a speed / volume study in the future.

John Burica suggested to replace the “Cross Traffic Does Not Stop” signage due to it being faded. Terry Kestel agreed.

Terry Kestel will have the “Cross Traffic Does Not Stop” signage replaced. Chairman Dowding will email Ms. Gray with the updated information.

### **TRAFFIC DISCUSSION – EAST POINT INDUSTRIAL PARK**

Chairman Dowding was contacted by Code Compliance Specialist Petraitis in reference to parking / signage issues in the East Point Industrial Park.

Scott Potter opened the discussion and related that he was aware of parking issues in the area being tied to employee parking at one of the area businesses. He was going to contact the area businesses in an attempt to rectify the situation.

Terry Kestel stated that he checked the code and found that no traffic control signage currently exists in the East Point Industrial Park. The East Point Industrial Park also does not have a traffic control plan. The group analyzed the intersections and discussed possible solutions. A traffic control plan was developed for the following signage / intersections.

- Yield Sign: Roma Court at Fey Drive
- Stop Sign: Fey Drive at Commerce Parkway
- Stop Sign: Commerce Parkway at Laraway Road

John Burica made a motion (#2) seconded by Terry Kestel to recommend the following signage be posted in the East Point Industrial Park.

- Yield Sign: Roma Court at Fey Drive
- Stop Sign: Fey Drive at Commerce Parkway
- Stop Sign: Commerce Parkway at Laraway Road

The motion was unanimously approved.

The group also discussed parking in the East Point Industrial Park. Scott Potter added that traffic coming into and out of the industrial park could be an issue as the use of the area continues to increase. He suggested restricting parking on both the east and west sides of Commerce Parkway from Laraway Road to Fey Drive.

Jeff Cook made a motion (#3) seconded by Scott Potter to recommend “No Parking” be posted on both sides of Commerce Parkway from Laraway Road to Fey Drive. The motion was unanimously approved.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **Bankview Drive – No Parking Signage**

John Burica advised that the village is currently dealing with some potential issues regarding the no parking signage on Bankview Drive. Currently, the signage partially reads “No Parking For Students”. Facts related to enforcing this signage can be difficult to ascertain. A suggestion was made to change the signage to make identification and enforcement less of a burden on the village. Chairman Dowding agreed and will put the issue as an item for discussion on the next traffic advisory commission meeting agenda.

### **Charrington Drive – Yellow Lights on Speed Limit Signs**

Scott Potter was contacted by a resident who lives along Charrington Drive. In summary the resident asked if yellow flashing lights on the speed limit signs were appropriate. The resident felt that this may bring attention to the speed limit signs.

Chairman Dowding wondered if the other members of the subdivision would be unhappy with the yellow flashing lights along their roadway. Additional discussion was conducted and it was agreed that no further action was needed at this time.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Greg Ehman asked if the speed limit on Abbey Drive could be reduced from 25mph to 20mph. Scott Potter advised that 25mph was currently the standard speed limit for residential areas. Mr. Ehman agreed.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Hearing no further business John Burica made a motion (#4), seconded by Jeff Cook, to adjourn the Traffic Advisory Committee meeting of January 8, 2020, at 9:50 A.M. The motion was unanimously approved.