

VILLAGE OF FRANKFORT
MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
August 11, 2015

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chairman Rob Piscia called the regular meeting of the Traffic Advisory Committee to order on Tuesday, August 11, 2015, at 9:35 a.m.

In attendance were Chairman Rob Piscia, Police Chief John Burica, Public Works Superintendent Terry Kestel, Director of Community Development Jeff Cook, Utilities Director Tony Minette, Deputy Police Chief Rob Krause and Building Supervisor Adam Nielsen. Also in attendance were residents Beverly Wooley and Stan Macek.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES (April 13, 2015)

Rob Krause made a motion (#1), seconded by Terry Kestel, to approve the minutes of the Traffic Advisory Committee meeting of July 9, 2015. The motion to approve the minutes was unanimously approved.

SETTLERS POND DRIVE: LEFT TURN LANE VISIBILITY DISCUSSION

Resident Stan Macek was in attendance to discuss the issue with visibility problems for motorists turning left from westbound U.S. Route 30 onto Settlers' Pond Drive. Mr. Macek indicated that he believes that the positioning of the vegetation in the center median makes it difficult to see oncoming traffic creating a potential hazard. Chief Burica and Superintendent Kestel had checked the area prior to the meeting and acknowledged the potential for a problem depending on one's location in the left turn lane.

Following a brief discussion, it was the consensus of the Committee that Superintendent Kestel would trim the plants in order to create better sight lines. He advised that he would work with Mr. Macek on this issue.

No further action required.

TIMBERS EDGE SUBDIVISION: PINEVIEW LANE TRAFFIC CONCERNS

Resident Beverly Wooley was in attendance representing the Timbers Edge Homeowners Association. Mrs. Wooley advised that there is a problem with speeding vehicles in the neighborhood, especially on Pineview Lane. Mrs. Wooley wondered if a stop sign at the intersection of Pineview and 80th Avenue would help to slow traffic down.

The Committee members explained to Mrs. Wooley that stop signs were not designed to control speeding vehicles but used to control access to intersections. It was also explained that there would have to be special circumstances, such as accidents or proximity to a park or school to consider the installation of a stop sign. Finally, Chief Burica stated that he was already aware

that there may be certain residents that are creating traffic issues due to excessive speed. Chief Burica advised that he would continue to have special details performed in and around their subdivision to help with the problem drivers.

Mrs. Wooley thanked the Committee members for their time.

No further action required at this time.

MEADOW AVENUE AND LOCUST STREET: EXCESSIVE SPEED HAZARD

Several members of staff had received email correspondence from Ken Vrshek, residing at 400 Meadow Avenue. Mr. Vrshek's emails indicated that there was a problem with excessive speeding by motorists using both Meadow Avenue and Locust Street. Mr. Vrshek requested the installation of additional speed limit signs in this area along with an increase in police activity.

Following a discussion, it was the consensus of the Committee to have Superintendent Kestel refresh the current speed limit signs and look for suitable locations for possible additional signage. Furthermore, Chief Burica advised that he would insure that more radar details were conducted in the area.

Chief Burica will contact Mr. Vrshek with the outcome of the meeting.

Nothing further at this time.

PLANK TRAIL ESTATES: TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAGE REQUESTS

Building Supervisor Adam Nielsen advised that he had received an email from a resident requesting the installation of additional stop signs at the intersection of Brittany Drive and Longview Drive to slow speeding vehicles. The resident advised that there was a stop sign for northbound Longview Drive at Brittany but thought the intersection would be safer with additional stop sign on Brittany. The resident further advised that there was a hearing impaired child in the area and believed that special advisory signage should be installed to warn motorists.

Building Supervisor Nielsen advised the committee that he had already contacted the resident about these issues to get better clarity on the matter. The resident who had originally contacted him advised that she was withdrawing her requests since she had received no cooperation from the neighbors in the area.

No further action to be taken on these issues.

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business, Chief Burica made a motion (#2), seconded by Director Minette, to adjourn the Traffic Advisory Committee meeting of August 11, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.. The motion was unanimously approved.