

CHEEKTOWAGA TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

MINUTES OF MEETING ON

June 19, 2012

Present:

Ad Hoc

Excused

Mark Nacke Richard Zynda Robert Boye Lt. Steve Berecz
Ted Skowron David Przepiora Paul Gasiewicz Thomas Poules

Pledge of Allegiance at 7:30 PM

Treasurer's Report \$354.00 in the Sunshine Fund

Reading of the minutes of last meeting motion to waive by Richard Zynda and Seconded by David Przepiora

Old Business:

1. Parker & Helen St. a request for all way stop signs was made. An investigated was made by Mark Nacke who reports that this is a three way intersection and there is a stop sign on the short leg of the intersection (Parker St.) for East bound traffic. The accident study from the police department shows there are not enough accidents at the intersection, as required by the MUTCD, to warrant a multi way stop. Additionally a speed study conducted by the police department showed that all vehicles were under the town wide 30 MPH speed limit. A recommendation to install a no outlet or dead end sign on the SW corner of the intersection facing south bound traffic was made.

New Business:

1. Brian Gould was present and made a presentation regarding bicycle and pedestrian safety on Losson Rd. His recap is:
 - a. Concerned that the design of the intersection at Losson rd. and Towers Blvd. has made it unsafe for pedestrians and bicyclist who are trying to access Stiglmeier Park. By creating left turn lanes, the paved shoulders were eliminated, which is putting the safety of pedestrians and bicyclists at risk. There are also no sidewalks in this area.
 - b. The traffic signal at Losson Rd. and Towers Blvd. has no traffic detection, and cycles 24 hours a day, even giving a green arrow into the park at all hours of the day.
 - c. The area of Losson Rd. between Union Rd. and Borden Rd. has many sidewalks that go nowhere, such as near the library. And west of Hutchens Dr.

- d. There are many areas where the white line indicating the shoulder of the roadway just ends, such as near the Hutchens Dr. and Crabapple Lane. The same areas do not have sidewalks. Without a marked shoulder, the traffic usually ends up forming two lanes and leaving no room for pedestrians or bicyclist. This area is also seeing an increase in foot traffic from residents of Losson Garden Apartments.
- e. There has already been one bicyclist killed by a motor vehicle in this stretch of road. He asks that the design and markings be reviewed before another tragedy occurs.

Letter to Erie County DPW for review of the missing striping will be sent. The Town Board is urged to install sidewalks along the town property on Losson Rd. This had been promised at the time of approval for the signal and lane changes at Losson Rd. and Towers Blvd.

- 2. Ivanhoe Rd. request for children at play sign. Request by Ebony Neely for a children at play sign on Ivanhoe Rd. She states there have been several accidents there involving children being struck by cars. Police Dept. reports the accident in question occurred on E. Delavan Av. where a bicyclist and car incident occurred. The commission's position on this is not to erect children at play signs since it is illegal for children to play in the street. Such signs would encourage playing in the street. Additionally they give a false sense of safety.
- 3. Site plan for 2536 Union Rd. Smolarek Law Office. Ted Skowron investigated and reports a new plan was recently submitted which addressed his previous concerns except for a caution sign/stop sign at the Union Rd. Driveway. If the proposed 20" easement is for a future driveway to Carefree Ln. it should be opposite the funeral home driveway. Pavement should be 24" WIDE FOR 2 WAY TRAFFIC.
- 4. Old Maryvale Dr/Heather Rd/Danbury Dr. intersections. Mark Nacke investigated and will write codes for the stop signs at this unusual intersection.
- 5. Dick Rd. NB and South Creek Dr. Request for do not block intersection signs. Dick Rd. is a county highway. The request for the sign is on the Village of Depew side of the roadway. The request will be forwarded to the Village of Depew and The County DPW.
- 6. Walden & Union Rd. Traffic signal. The signal appears to be operating without detection for SB Left turns. The signal cycles and holds up NB traffic even when there is no call for left turns. Letter to NYSDOT to be sent.
- 7. Memorial mass for late member James Makowski will be held on 1/13/2013 at Resurrection Church

Motion to Adjourn by Richard Zynda and was seconded by Paul Gasiewicz at PM 8:15 PM

The next meeting of the Traffic Safety Commission will be on July 17, 2012 at 7:30 PM in the Council Chambers

Respectfully Submitted

Mark E. Naeke

Executive Secretary