

A regular meeting of the Troy Traffic Committee was held Wednesday, July 17, 2019 in the Lower Level Conference Room at Troy City Hall. Pete Ziegenfelder called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**1. Roll Call**

Present: Don Johnson  
Richard Kilmer  
Cindy Nurak  
Al Petrulis  
Cynthia Wilsher  
Pete Ziegenfelder

Absent: Sunil Sivaraman (Arrived at 8:15PM)  
Marvin Jiang, Student Representative

Also present: Ann Hogan, 2115 Alfred  
Jeff Robertson, 1585 Rockfield  
Dwenell Mills, 6039 Country Ridge  
Kathi Strickland, 6242 Carriage Trail  
Laura Azoni, 2091 Alfred  
Sgt. Mike Szuminski, Police Department  
Bill Huotari, City Engineer/Traffic Engineer

**2. Minutes – February 20, 2019**

Resolution # 2019-07-12  
Moved by Kilmer  
Seconded by Nurak

To approve the minutes as printed.

Yes: Johnson, Kilmer, Nurak, Petrulis, Wilsher, Ziegenfelder  
No: None  
Absent: Sivaraman

**MOTION CARRIED**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**3. Request for Sidewalk Waiver – 1585 Rockfield Drive (Sidwell #88-20-14-401-037)**

Jeff Robertson of 1585 Rockfield, requests a sidewalk waiver for the sidewalk at 1585 Rockfield Drive (Sidwell #88-20-14-401-037). Mr. Robertson states *“there are no sidewalks on either side of Rockfield except for a small portion at the east end”*.

The Department of Public Works (DPW) recommends approving the waiver request and not requiring the installation of sidewalk *“due to the lack of sidewalk on the surrounding parcels,*

*the open drainage ditches and grading of the area*", contingent upon the submission of a cash deposit for future construction and to assure consent and participation in any future sidewalk installation.

Mr. Robertson was in attendance at the meeting and discussed the sidewalk waiver request. More specifically that there was no sidewalk on the street. This would be a sidewalk to nowhere. The existing drainage is open ditch and would make it very expensive to construct sidewalk. Mr. Robertson did state that he is in favor of sidewalks and would support the installation of sidewalk in the future should a project be approved.

There was discussion regarding the special assessment process for sidewalks. Sidewalk SAD's are paid for 100% by residents and are initiated by residents.

Mr. Ziegenfelder stated that he is in favor of sidewalks and his preference would be to have the sidewalk constructed.

Resolution # 2019-07-13

Moved by Johnson

Seconded by Kilmer

WHEREAS, City of Troy Ordinances, Chapter 34, allows the Traffic Committee to grant waivers of the City of Troy Design Standards for Sidewalks upon a demonstration of necessity; and

WHEREAS, Jeff Robertson has requested a waiver of the requirement to construct sidewalk based on a lack of adjoining sidewalk and drainage concerns; and

WHEREAS, the Traffic Committee has determined the following:

- a. A waiver will not impair the public health, safety or general welfare of the inhabitants of the City and will not unreasonably diminish or impair established property values within the surrounding area, and
- b. A strict application of the requirements to construct a sidewalk would result in practical difficulties to, or undue hardship upon, the owners, and
- c. The construction of a new sidewalk would lead nowhere and connect to no other walk, and thus will not serve the purpose of a pedestrian travel-way.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Traffic Committee **GRANTS** a waiver of the sidewalk requirement for 1585 Rockfield Drive (Sidwell #88-20-14-401-037) contingent upon the receipt of a cash deposit commensurate with the cost of sidewalk construction.

Yes: Johnson, Kilmer, Nurak, Petrulis, Wilsher, Ziegenfelder

No: None

Absent: Sivaraman

**MOTION CARRIED**

REGULAR BUSINESS

**4. Request for Traffic Control – Alfred Drive at Edith Street**

Laura Azoni of 2091 Alfred states that the lack of traffic control at the intersection of Alfred at Edith creates a hazardous condition.

Traffic Engineering received an email from Don Lapak of 6579 Shoreline Drive in support of YIELD signs at the intersection as he noted that the intersection vegetation has been cleaned up and visibility has been improved.

Ann Hogan of 2115 Alfred Drive supports making the intersection an ALL-WAY STOP. She reports that this intersection connects two (2) subdivisions and drivers don't know who has the right-of-way. There are no sidewalks on the streets. John R construction is adding to the confusion. Troy Police has had officers patrol the area which is appreciated. Ms. Hogan discussed "calming islands" that she observed in Dublin, OH.

Laura Azoni of 2091 Alfred was in attendance at the meeting and agreed that an ALL-WAY STOP would be preferred. She discussed that she was almost in a crash the other morning and several of the intersections in this area are confusing for non-residents that may be cutting through to avoid the John R construction.

Ms. Wilsher discussed that some of the additional traffic is most likely due to the John R construction.

Mr. Petrulis stated that the OHM study recommended STOP signs on the Edith Street approaches to the intersection.

Ms. Nurak does not want to install a bunch of signs if they are not needed.

Mr. Ziegenfelder believes that ALL-WAY STOP control is the safest approach.

Mr. Petrulis believes that ALL-WAY STOP may be overkill. He would prefer to install the STOP signs on Edith Street and then observe traffic for a time period to be determined.

Sgt. Szuminski stated that Troy Police do not have a strong opinion. There have been no crashes at the intersection in the past 10 years. 2-Way or 4-Way Stop control at the intersection is fine from Troy Police perspective.

Mr. Kilmer stated that residents that live there know what they need and they know what is going on in their neighborhood.

Mr. Johnson questioned why Stop signs would be placed on Edith Street and not Alfred Drive. He agrees that ALL-WAY STOP may be the best solution.

Mr. Ziegenfelder believes that the ALL-WAY STOP removes any ambiguity at the intersection as everyone must stop.



Resolution # 2019-07-14

Moved by Kilmer

Seconded by Wilsher

RESOLVED, that the intersection of Alfred Drive at Edith Street be **MODIFIED** from no traffic control to ALL-WAY STOP control at the intersection of Alfred Drive at Edith Street.

Yes: Johnson, Kilmer, Nurak, Wilsher, Ziegenfelder

No: Petrulis

Absent: Sivaraman

**MOTION CARRIED**

**5. Request for No Parking Zone – Country Ridge Drive**

Kathi Strickland of 6242 Carriage Trail requests that a NO PARKING zone be established on the north and east side of Country Ridge (around the inside of the curve at 6078 Country Ridge Drive). Ms. Strickland reports that vehicles parked along the inside of the curve create a vision obstruction for vehicles traveling around the curve. She requests that a No Parking zone be established to encompass the inside of the curve. The outside of the curve, south and west side of Country Ridge Drive is posted No Parking as the fire hydrant side of the road.

Ms. Strickland was in attendance at the meeting and stated that she has lived in this subdivision since 1990. There were No Parking signs posted on both sides of the street, but the City removed the No Parking signs from the non-fire hydrant side of the street years ago. She believes that vehicles parking on the inside of the curve creates a hazardous condition which is worse during the winter months when there is snow. Ms. Strickland believes a No Parking zone would make it safer for residents.

Dwenell Mills of 6039 County Ridge Drive stated that he has lived in Troy since 2001. Mr. Mills disagrees with the request. He states that people rarely park there and when they do there has not been an issue. He does not believe that this is a safety issue and questioned why this area was being discussed.

Mr. Ziegenfelder stated that other “inside curves” have been reviewed by the Traffic Committee over the years, so this area was not being “picked on”.

Mr. Johnson noted that there were no other resident comments provided, other than the two residents in attendance. He is inclined to deny the request.

Mr. Petrulis asked about removing the No Parking restrictions on the outside of the curve, but that is not possible as that is the fire hydrant side of the road and would remain no parking, regardless of the outcome on the inside of the curve.

Resolution # 2019-07-15

Moved by Johnson

Seconded by Petrulis

RESOLVED, that **NO CHANGE** be made along the inside of the curve on Country Ridge Drive.

Yes: Johnson, Nurak, Petrulis, Wilsher, Ziegenfelder  
No: None  
Absent: Sivaraman  
Abstain: Kilmer

**MOTION CARRIED**

**6. Public Comment**

There was no public comment at the meeting.

**7. Other Business**

The Parks & Recreation Master Plan update is underway and a copy of a survey for resident input was discussed and copies provided to the Traffic Committee members.

Sunil Sivaraman arrived at the meeting at 8:15PM.

**8. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.



Pete Ziegenfelder, Chairperson



William J. Huotari, City Engineer/Traffic Engineer

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