

A regular meeting of the Troy Traffic Committee was held Wednesday, November 20, 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  
Alankar Shende, Student Representative

Absent: Sunil Sivaraman

Also present: Earl Roberts, 3243 Kilmer  
Mary Ortmann, 5298 Standish  
Michael Ortmann, 5298 Standish  
Pat Bismack, 370 McKinley  
Anne Smith, 5284 Standish  
Michaela Smith, 5284 Standish  
Sgt. Justin Novak, Police Department  
Bill Huotari, City Engineer/Traffic Engineer

**2. Minutes – September 18, 2019**

Resolution # 2019-11-20

Moved by Kilmer

Seconded by Johnson

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 – 370 McKinley (Sidwell #88-20-09-254-015)**

Pat Bismack of 2742 Powderhorn (Rochester Hills), requests a sidewalk waiver for the sidewalk at 370 McKinley (Sidwell #88-20-09-254-015). Mr. Bismack states *"I would be the only one with a sidewalk in the whole sub"*.

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*”, contingent upon the submission of a cash deposit for future construction and to assure consent and participation in any future sidewalk installation.

Mr. Bismack has already paid the sidewalk waiver fee in lieu of constructing the sidewalk. This was done due to the time of year and the need to have final grade approval issued to allow for the closing of the house.

Mr. Bismack was in attendance at the meeting and reiterated that there are no other sidewalks in the subdivision. The new homeowner does not want sidewalk.

Traffic Engineering received one (1) email in support of waiving the sidewalk.

Resolution # 2019-11-21

Moved by Wilsher

Seconded by Petrulis

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, Pat Bismack has requested a waiver of the requirement to construct sidewalk based on lack of sidewalk on surrounding parcels; 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 370 McKinley (Sidwell #88-20-09-254-015) based on the receipt of a cash deposit in the amount of \$1,818.60 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 – Drake Drive and Tucker Drive at Standish Drive**

Mary Ortmann of 5298 Standish Drive states that the lack of traffic control at the intersection of Drake Drive and Tucker Drive, both at Standish Drive creates a hazardous condition.

Traffic Engineering received one (1) email in support of Stop signs at the intersections.

Michael Ortmann of 5298 Standish Drive was in attendance at the meeting. Mr. Ortmann reports that traffic has increased since the new subdivisions to the west have been built. Most traffic is coming off Drake and going south on Standish. Frequently turning vehicles travel at high speeds without slowing at the intersections. There appears to be more traffic on southbound Standish during the AM and PM peak hours. Traffic also appears to be heavier on Standish between Drake and Tucker. Traffic goes way too fast on Standish.

Mary Ortmann of 5298 Standish Drive was in attendance at the meeting. Ms. Ortmann discussed concerns with backing out of her driveway with fast approaching vehicles along Standish. She reports that many times vehicles will tailgate her as she drives the speed limit along Standish. Speeds along Mayflower have also increased. School time traffic makes the situation even more complicated. No one knows what to do at the intersection of Tucker and Standish. There is no traffic control in the area.

Anne Smith of 5284 Standish was in attendance at the meeting. Ms. Smith reiterated that traffic does not stop or yield at the intersection and confirmed that drivers do tailgate you along Standish. Many drivers do not yield to others at Tucker and Standish. She supports Stop signs to provide direction to drivers.

Mr. Ziegenfelder supports ALL-WAY STOP at the intersection of Tucker and Standish.

Mr. Johnson asked for clarification on parking in the area. The west side of Standish is posted No Parking. Parked cars can block visibility of cars pulling out of driveways. The new subdivisions are about 3 years old and have added traffic to the area. He asked about the John R construction impact on traffic and a resident reported that one-way northbound traffic on John R has increased southbound traffic on Standish, but that traffic had already increased before the John R construction started due to the new subdivisions.

Ms. Wilsher added that the school related traffic adds to the confusion in the area.

Sgt. Novak discussed that most students are driven to and picked up from school adding to the number of vehicles on the roads. Troy Police prefer traffic control at intersections.

Mr. Kilmer discussed opening up Tucker. He supports ALL-WAY STOP at the intersections.

Mr. Petrulis agreed that ALL-WAY STOP at Tucker and Standish makes sense. He questioned where southbound Standish traffic is generated from. He disagreed that all of the cut through traffic was from outside of the area and would not necessarily be classified as cut through traffic.



Student representative Shende discussed the ALL-WAY STOP at Tucker and Standish and the potential of an ALL-WAY STOP at Drake and Standish.

Sgt. Novak stated that Troy Police provide additional enforcement when new traffic control devices are installed to ensure compliance as drivers get used to the new signs.

Resolution # 2019-11-22

Moved by Johnson

Seconded by Wilsher

RESOLVED, that the intersection of Drake Drive at Standish Drive be **MODIFIED** from no traffic control to a STOP sign on the Drake Drive approach to the intersection at Standish Drive.

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

No: None

Absent: Sivaraman

**MOTION CARRIED**

Resolution # 2019-11-23

Moved by Johnson

Seconded by Wilsher

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

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

No: None

Absent: Sivaraman

**MOTION CARRIED**

**5. Request for Traffic Control – Hartland Drive at Kilmer Drive**

Marci Curtis of 343 Vanderpool states that the lack of ALL-WAY STOP control at the intersection of Hartland Drive at Kilmer Drive creates a hazardous condition. A new home at the corner has exacerbated the condition and reduced the sight lines.

Traffic Engineering received two (2) phone calls in support of ALL-WAY STOP control at the intersection of Hartland and Kilmer.

Earl Roberts of 3243 Kilmer was in attendance at the meeting. He has lived in his home near the intersection for 29 years and has witnessed the increase in traffic along Hartland. He supports ALL-WAY STOP control at the intersection. The new home at the corner will reduce visibility.

Mr. Kilmer added that Hartland has always been a primary cut through route between Livernois

and Rochester.

Ms. Wilsher discussed increased traffic along Hartland due to the new retail and restaurants along Big Beaver. Traffic is using Hartland to avoid congestion on Big Beaver.

Mr. Johnson supports ALL-WAY STOP control at the intersection. The curve in Hartland near Ellenboro creates limited line of sight for drivers on Kilmer, especially if vehicles are traveling fast along Hartland as they approach Kilmer.

Resolution # 2019-11-24

Moved by Kilmer

Seconded by Wilsher

RESOLVED, that the intersection of Hartland Drive at Kilmer Drive be **MODIFIED** from STOP control on the Kilmer Drive approaches to ALL-WAY STOP control at the intersection of Hartland Drive and Kilmer Drive.

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

No: None

Absent: Sivaraman

## **MOTION CARRIED**

### **6. 2020 Meeting Schedule**

According to City of Troy Traffic Committee By-Laws, Article IV – Meetings:

*“Regular meetings will be held on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Troy City Hall, 500 West Big Beaver Road, Troy, Michigan.”*

There are no other by-laws or procedures that establish the actual dates of the meetings, but an annual calendar of meetings is published by the City so meeting dates need to be set for this purpose.

Resolution # 2019-11-25

Moved by Kilmer

Seconded by Johnson

RESOLVED, that the Traffic Committee **SHALL HOLD** Regular Meetings in 2020 according to the following schedule at 7:30 PM:

- Wednesday, January 15
- Wednesday, February 19
- Wednesday, March 18
- Wednesday, April 15
- Wednesday, May 20
- Wednesday, June 17
- Wednesday, July 15
- August – NO MEETING

- Wednesday, September 16
- Wednesday, October 21
- Wednesday, November 18
- December – NO MEETING

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**7. Public Comment**

There was no public comment at the meeting.

**8. Other Business**


Traffic Engineering provided handouts from MDOT showing the Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI) proposed at 14 Mile and Big Beaver, both at I75. General discussion regarding I75 construction followed.

**9. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.



Pete Ziegenfelder, Chairperson



William J. Huotari, City Engineer/Traffic Engineer

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