

A regular meeting of the Troy Traffic Committee was held Wednesday, January 15, 2020 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  
Pete Ziegenfelder  
Alankar Shende, Student Representative

Absent: Sunil Sivaraman  
Cynthia Wilsher

Also present: Marty and Joyce Binder, 1819 North Lake  
Kevin Ferguson, 1850 Woodgate  
Gerald and Barbara McKee, 1783 North Lake  
Hyung Choi and Jung Choi, 1734 North Lake  
Chad and Paula Halcom, 1759 North Lake  
Craig Chamberlain, 3785 Highland  
Sgt. Justin Novak, Police Department  
Bill Huotari, City Engineer/Traffic Engineer

**2. Minutes – November 20, 2019**

Resolution # 2020-01-01  
Moved by Kilmer  
Seconded by Nurak

To approve the minutes as printed.

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**3. No Public Hearings**

**REGULAR BUSINESS**

**4. Request for Traffic Control – North Lake Drive at Sherwood Drive**

Kevin Ferguson of 1850 Woodgate Drive states that the lack of traffic control at the intersection

of North Lake Drive and Sherwood Drive creates a hazardous condition now that Raintree Village on the Park has been developed.

Chad Halcom of 1759 North Lake Drive stated that he lives in the last house before the private road starts. His request was to place a speed bump or require the developer to place a speed bump on the private portion of North Lake Drive. His concern is about excessive speeds from the private road to the public road and out to John R. He did not feel that a Stop or Yield sign would be effective. His recommendation was to do something that can't be ignored. During the AM and PM peak hour, traffic control signs may create congestion and backups.

A discussion of speed bumps vs speed humps and private road vs public roads ensued.

Sgt. Novak added that Troy Police provide additional enforcement when new traffic control devices are installed. Portable radar trailers are currently not in use due to the weather. Troy Police have provided direct enforcement in this area within the past six months and found low volumes of traffic and low violation rates for speeding. However, he will schedule this area for a portable radar trailer in the spring as the weather allows.

Hyung Choi of 1754 North Lake reports that traffic drives very fast. UPS and other delivery trucks drive at high rates of speed. Residents are also driving too fast.

Kevin Ferguson of 1850 Woodgate reports that the bus stop for the area is just south of the intersection. The bus stops on northbound Sherwood just south of North Lake. North Lake is approximately ½ mile long and some drivers are driving too fast. This intersection was previously a curve for 40 years and only recently became a 3-way intersection with the development of the new subdivision to the west of the intersection. He supports Stop signs as drivers don't understand Yield signs. He suggests that eastbound North Lake should have a Stop sign. His preference is a Stop sign at minimum and suggests that All-Way Stop control would be the most effective.

Barb McKee of 1783 North Lake stated that a Yield sign would not work. She would like to see at least two Stop signs. The other issue in this area is parents that park on the road to drop off or pick up their kids from the bus. There used to only be a handful of school age children, but with the new subdivision there are over 20 people waiting for the bus on a daily basis. She also stated that delivery vehicles drive very fast in the subdivision. There is a lot of congestion during the times that the school bus is picking up or dropping off children.

Martin Bender of 1819 North Lake discussed the bus stop and its location relative to the intersection and the concerns about the number of parents who park with their children waiting for the bus.

The school bus picks up students around 8:50 AM and drops off around 4:30 PM.

There was discussion about the bus route through the subdivision and potential for relocating the bus stop further to the south away from the intersection and down by the park. Residents discussed calling the Troy School District to report their concerns and suggest that the bus stop be moved to the south.

Mr. Feguson stated that he has spoken with the bus driver and she said she has reported parking issues 3 or 4 times to the school district.

Sgt. Novak stated that Troy Police has a list of known bus stop locations with concerns and North Lake at Sherwood has not been on the list. Troy Police will have an officer in the area during pickup and/or drop off to review the situation.

Mr. Petrulis redirected the discussion back to the request for traffic control. He supports an All-Way Stop as it would help address the flow of traffic and assign right-of-way at the intersection.

Mr. Ziegenfelder stated that he prefers Stop signs to remove any ambiguity.

Mr. Johnson discussed that a sign on Sherwood would not address traffic flow issues. He also supports All-Way Stop control. He discussed that residents should contact the Troy School District to report their concerns and suggestions regarding the bus stop location as Troy School District has been very good to work with in the past.

Ms. Nurak stated that drivers on Sherwood are not used to the new traffic pattern with new traffic from the private road on North Lake. She discussed the bus stop location, parking and the safety of the children waiting for the bus. This may be a growing pain issue with the new subdivision that may require some additional enforcement to educate drivers.

A discussion amongst all ensued regarding the bus stop location, general flow of traffic and parking in the area.

Resolution # 2020-01-02

Moved by Kilmer

Seconded by Petrulis

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

Yes: Johnson, Kilmer, Nurak, Petrulis, Ziegenfelder

No: None

Absent: Sivaraman, Wilsher

## **MOTION CARRIED**

### **5. Public Comment**

Chad Halcom of 1759 North Lake discussed the End of Public Street sign that is in front of his house. Packages are being left at his house as he assumes that delivery drivers are not willing to or don't know that they can go on the private road portion of North Lake Drive. He requested that the sign be reviewed to see if there were other options available to demarcate the end of the public road. Traffic Engineering will forward the request to DPW for review.

### **6. Other Business**



Mr. Kilmer reports that the traffic signal at Rochester and Bishop is not working correctly causing delays on Rochester Road. He reports that the green signal for Bishop is excessive and creating backups on Rochester Road. Traffic Engineering will forward to the RCOC Traffic Signal Engineer for investigation.

**7. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

  
Pete Ziegenfelder, Chairperson  
William J. Huotari, City Engineer/Traffic Engineer

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