

A regular meeting of the Troy Traffic Committee was held Wednesday, March 16, 2022 in the Council Boardroom at Troy City Hall. Pete Ziegenfelder called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**1. Roll Call**

Present: Richard Kilmer  
Cindy Nurak  
Abi Swaminathan  
Cynthia Wilsher  
Pete Ziegenfelder  
Tyler Koralewski, Student Representative

Absent: Al Petrulis  
Sunil Sivaraman

Also present: Sgt. Brian Warzecha, Police Department  
Lt. Chuck Roberts, Fire Department  
Austin Cheek, 5389 Rangemore  
Satish Palla, 5341 Rangemore  
Bill Huotari, City Engineer/Traffic Engineer

**2. Minutes – February 16, 2022**

Resolution # 2022-03-03  
Moved by Kilmer  
Seconded by Wilsher

To approve the February 16, 2022 minutes as printed.

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

**MOTION CARRIED****PUBLIC HEARINGS****3. No Public Hearings****REGULAR BUSINESS****4. Request for Traffic Control – Ellery Drive at Rangemore Drive**

Traffic Committee members requested to address Item #4 and Item #5 together as they are very similar if not identical in their nature and subsequent recommendation.

Austin Cheek of 5389 Rangemore, representing the Whispering Park Condominium

Association, requests that the intersection of Ellery Drive at Rangemore Drive be reviewed for purposes of traffic control at the intersection. He stated that the lack of traffic control signage creates a hazardous situation.

Mr. Cheek was present at the meeting and discussed that Whispering Park is a newer subdivision consisting of one-loop of 50 homes. He represents the HOA as a board member in addition to representing himself as a resident of the same area. There are no Stop signs as you enter the subdivision. There are Stop signs as you leave the subdivision. Mr. Cheek reports that there are a lot of children at the elementary school bus stop and a lot of pedestrians who walk in or cross the roads in this area. He has counted up to 25 children at the bus stop. Mr. Cheek feels that a Yield sign might help but believes that a Stop sign would be more appropriate and would do a better job of addressing resident concerns.

Troy Police typically recommend Stop signs over Yield signs to remove any ambiguity at the intersection.

Mr. Kilmer stated his support for Stop signs at intersections rather than Yield signs.

Ms. Wilsher observed the area in the AM and PM hours (around 10AM and 5:30PM) and did not observe heavy traffic or pedestrian use. It was discussed that she most likely was in the area after the morning bus pickup and after the evening bus drop-off. She also recommended that the HOA discuss traffic issues with the residents in the subdivision as the concerns they have are directly attributable to the people that live in Whispering Park.

The subdivision is isolated and not a cut-through location, so speeding, lack of stopping at an intersection, etc. are issues/concerns created by the same residents who live in the Whispering Park subdivision.

Ms. Nurak observed the area on the weekend and did find many children in the area.

Ms. Swaminathan noted that as the weather gets warmer, more residents will be outside and use the roads and sidewalks to walk, play, etc.

Mr. Ziegenfelder stated his continued support for traffic control at all intersections and specifically the use of Stop signs when traffic control is recommended.

Resolution # 2022-03-04

Moved by Kilmer

Seconded by Petrulis

RESOLVED, that the intersection of Ellery Drive at Rangemore Drive be **MODIFIED** from NO traffic control to a STOP sign on the Ellery Drive approach to the intersection.

Yes: Kilmer, Nurak, Swaminathan, Wilsher, Ziegenfelder

No: None

Absent: Sivaraman, Petrulis

**MOTION CARRIED**

**5. Request for Traffic Control – Midvale Drive at Ludstone Drive**

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Resolution # 2022-03-05

Moved by Kilmer

Seconded by Wilsher

RESOLVED, that the intersection of Midvale Drive at Ludstone Drive be **MODIFIED** from NO traffic control to a STOP sign on the Midvale Drive approach to the intersection.

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**6. Public Comment**

There was no further public comment at the meeting.

**7. Other Business**

Mr. Kilmer discussed concerns about the mid-block crossing on Wattles, east of Livernois. He has seen and has received concerns about the lack of reflection of the sign poles and signs. He would like to see solar powered type signs that have blinking lights to make the crossing stand out during evening and/or nights. Traffic Engineering will forward to the Streets Department for further review and investigation.

**8. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 7:49 PM.



Pete Ziegenfelder, Chairperson



William J. Huotari, City Engineer/Traffic Engineer

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