

A regular meeting of the Troy Traffic Committee was held Wednesday, September 21, 2022 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: Cindy Nurak  
Al Petrusis  
Abi Swaminathan  
Cynthia Wilsher  
Pete Ziegenfelder

Absent: Shama Kenkre (Arrived as meeting ended)  
Richard Kilmer  
Tyler Koralewski, Student Representative

Also present: Lt. Chuck Roberts, Fire Department  
Bill Huotari, City Engineer/Traffic Engineer  
Merissa Clark, Administrative Assistant  
Brian Bliskey, 3419 Harmony  
Cynthia Bliskey, 3419 Harmony

**2. Minutes – July 20, 2022**

Resolution # 2022-09-20  
Moved by Wilsher  
Seconded by Nurak

To approve the July 20, 2022 minutes as printed.

Yes: Nurak, Petrusis, Sivaraman, Wilsher, Ziegenfelder  
No: None  
Absent: Kenkrey, Kilmer

**MOTION CARRIED**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**3. No Public Hearings**

**REGULAR BUSINESS**

**4. Request for Traffic Control – Harmony Drive at Crimson Drive**

James Bliskey of 3419 Harmony requests that the intersection of Harmony Drive at Crimson Drive be reviewed for purposes of replacing the existing YIELD sign with a STOP sign on the Crimson Drive approach to the intersection. He stated that the existing Yield sign does not stop traffic or slow vehicles down when they make the turn. This creates a hazardous situation for drivers and pedestrians. He has had two cars hit, a tree hit, and his lawn run over several times along with many near misses with walkers.

Troy Police Sgt. Warzecha provided the following input via email:

*Bill,*

*Due to our mandatory shift meeting, I will be unable to attend the Traffic Committee Meeting tomorrow. I did review the request from James Bliskey at 3419 Harmony to change the YIELD sign to a STOP sign at the Crimson Drive approach. In his request, Mr. Bliskey stated "he has had two cars hit, a tree hit, and his lawn run over several times along with many near misses with walkers". I searched our system for incidents in the area of 3419 Harmony and at the intersection of Harmony/Crimson. I discovered on 08/25/2015 that Mr. Bliskey reported his vehicle was parked in the street and was sideswiped by an unknown vehicle traveling southbound. This caused minor damage to the driver's side mirror, no crash report was requested or filed. On 08/22/2012 Mr. Bliskey also reported his vehicle and home were egged causing minor damage to both. These are the only 2 incidents that have been reported to the Police Department. That being said, I'm not opposed to changing the YIELD sign to a STOP sign, but due to this being a "T" intersection, I do not believe a STOP sign will significantly change the habits of people driving in the area.*

Traffic Engineering received one (1) email, and one (1) phone call opposed to any changes and one (1) email in support of changing the Traffic Control, as follows:

*I have lived on Harmony just south of Crimson since 1979.*

*Due to the traffic at that corner, we taught our 3 children to treat the Yield sign as a Stop sign.*

*I agree that the sign should be a Stop sign. I have had to stop way too often coming south on Harmony as people whip around the corner from Crimson to northbound Harmony without even a glance for traffic.*

*Jim Wilbur*

*3371 Harmony Dr, Troy, MI 48083*

*I'm opposed to putting a stop sign there. I have lived here almost 37 years and have never witnessed an accident at this corner. Baker students have been picked up for the same number of years, and there has never been a traffic incident to my knowledge. The resident could, twice annually, request the speed indicator that shows the driver's speed. Thank you for letting us know, Mr. Huotari.*

Barbara Layman  
3378 Harmony Dr.  
Troy, MI 48083

*Traffic Engineering received a call from Dan Reaume of 3402 Harmony in opposition to replacing the Yield sign with a Stop sign at the Harmony Drive at Crimson Drive intersection.*

*Mr. Reaume stated that he has not noticed or observed an issue with the Yield sign. He does not support the request and does not see the need to change it to a Stop sign.*

Brian Bliskey of 3419 Harmony stated that nobody yields or slows down at the yield sign at Crimson and Harmony. The lawn has been driven over, trees hit, pedestrians have had many near misses trying to cross safely, and his car has been hit twice because people are not slowing down to make the turn in front of his home. He stated the problem just continues to get worse.

Cynthia Bliskey owner of 3419 Harmony stated she has a hard time getting out of her driveway because everyone is speeding thru that yield sign. She watches pedestrians barely cross the street safely. She stated that the traffic continues to be heavy throughout winter and similar intersection in the subdivision have stop signs, and she hopes they will approve this request.

Mr. Ziegenfelder commented he is always in favor of ALL-STOP signs.

Ms. Nurak stated that she did notice when she went out to the site that visibility was limited when cars are parked near the yield sign.

Mr. Petrulis is in support because petitioner sees everything going on and the yield sign, and he trusts the input received.

Ms. Swaminathan asked for clarification on who can see the current sign.

Resolution # 2022-09-21  
Moved by Petrulis  
Seconded by Swaminathan

**RESOLVED**, that the intersection of Harmony Drive at Crimson Drive be **MODIFIED** from YIELD control on the Crimson Drive approach to STOP control on the Crimson Drive approach to the intersection.

Yes: Nurak, Wilsher, Petrulis, Swamihathan, Ziegenfelder  
No: None  
Absent: Kenkre, Kilmer

**MOTION CARRIED**

5. Public Comment

There was no further public comment at the meeting.

6. Other Business

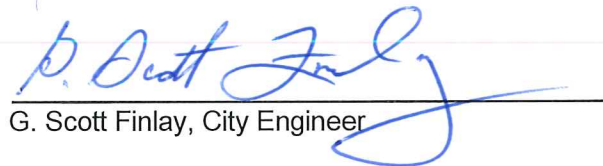
Lt. Roberts discussed emergency access to the Zen apartments at 888 W. Big Beaver. Fire lanes need to be posted on the north side of the apartment complex to allow for fire department access in the event of an emergency. Lt. Roberts will follow up with a request for fire lanes at the October meeting. Bill Huotari introduced Shama Kenkre to the committee. October meeting was discussed and if held, it will be on October 12<sup>th</sup> in the Board Room. Mr. Ziegenfelder brought up the Michigan left on Big Beaver east of John R that he thinks a proceed on green sign should be installed – Traffic Engineer will bring up to the Oakland County Road Commission.

7. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:53 PM.



Pete Ziegenfelder, Chairperson



G. Scott Finlay, City Engineer

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