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## CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

Date: May 2, 2023

To: Mark F. Miller, City Manager

From: Robert J. Bruner, Assistant City Manager  
G. Scott Finlay, City Engineer/Traffic Engineer

Subject: Traffic Committee Recommendations and Minutes – April 19, 2023

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At the Traffic Committee meeting of April 19, 2023, the following recommendations were made for City Council approval:

#### 4. Request for Traffic Control – Elm at Forest Park Drive

RESOLVED, that the intersection of Elm and Forest Park Drive be **MODIFIED** from UNCONTROLLED on the Elm approach to STOP control on the Elm approach to the intersection

#### 5. Request for Traffic Control – Lesdale at Donaldson

RESOLVED, that the intersection of Lesdale St. and Donaldson Rd. be **MODIFIED** from UNCONTROLLED on the Donaldson Rd. approach to STOP control on Donaldson Rd.

Minutes of the meeting are attached.

A regular meeting of the Troy Traffic Committee was held Wednesday, April 19, 2023 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: Richard Kilmer  
Cindy Nurak  
Al Petrulis  
Abi Swaminathan  
Cynthia Wilsher  
Pete Ziegenfelder  
Deepti Aggarwal, Student Representative

Absent: Shama Kenkre

Also present: G. Scott Finlay, City Engineer  
Sgt. Brian Warzecha  
Merissa Clark, Administrative Assistant

**2. Minutes – January 18, 2023 and March 15, 2023 Traffic Committee**

Resolution # 2023-04-03  
Moved by Kilmer  
Seconded by Wilsher

To approve the January 18, 2023 and March 15, 2023 minutes as printed.

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**3. No Public Hearings**

**REGULAR BUSINESS**

**4. Request for Traffic Control – Elm at Forest Park Drive**

Caitlin Murphy of 6746 Forest Park Drive requests that the intersection of Elm at Forest Park Drive be reviewed for purposes of traffic control at the uncontrolled intersection. She stated that the existing uncontrolled intersection is dangerous, cars turning off Elm turn without looking and the view is partially blocked. This creates a hazardous situation for drivers.

*Mr Finley, as the resident at that intersection (6907 Forest Park Dr) I observe multiple times a day that the traffic on Forest Park is typically over the speed limit. Elm also experiences speeds above the limits but at least the traffic slows down before the intersection. A stop sign would be far more effective at slowing down the traffic versus a yield sign, which is in my opinion a marginal improvement over the right of way. I sincerely believe that a stop sign is necessary as compared to a yield sign (a marginal improvement).*

*Larry and Monica Raisanen  
6907 Forest Park Dr*

*hi scott:*

*I live within 300 feet of the intersection of elm and forest park drive and received correspondence regarding the request for control sign at that intersection.*

*I have a schedule conflict and will not be able to attend the meeting, so I have a couple of questions and comments.*

*quick questions:*

*have there been any collisions?*

*has anyone been injured?*

*a couple of quick comments:*

*if controlled means adding stop signs, I would not be in favor of that.*

*I grew up in in a neighborhood similar to forest creek. we lived on the corner of a four way stop. its surprisingly noisy. all vehicles, especially trucks [UPS, Fed Ex, Amazon, contractors, and landscape trucks] are quite loud when accelerating from a dead stop in an otherwise quiet residential neighborhood.*

*even in the subdivision now, my experience from watching traffic is that the stop signs at forest park drive and redbud, at napier at denton and napier at country likely will get a “rolling stop”.*

*and that’s probably good enough.*

*folks that are in a hurry, are in a hurry, and the chances of “getting caught” are extremely low.*

*some of the nice aesthetics of living in forest creek, are the gentile curves of all the streets, and the inherent safety of” T” intersections.*

*not wanting to be a wise guy, but...is there a plan to control all of the intersections in the subdivision, or does forest park dr and elm stand out for some reason?*

*our nearby neighborhood has a nice mix of newer residents, and residents who have been here for a very long time. I have lived here for 38 years and have likely driven through that intersection more than 30,000 [thirty thousand] times, and I cannot remember having an*

issue.

*on a related note, while we have everyone’s attention..... this might be a good time to remind everyone that the west side of forest park drive is the posted no parking side.*

*politely and respectfully,*

*bill berry  
6872 s. forest park ct.  
248 568 3817.*

Caitlin Murphy has lived on Forest Park for 5 years. Both her & her husband have had to swerve into someone’s front lawn to avoid accidents, they have had multiple close calls from cars turning off of Elm. She reached out to the HOA and heard support from multiple residents in the subdivision.

Pete Ziegenfelder stated he prefers stops signs at all intersection to control traffic, assign right of way, but it will not control speed.

Richard Kilmer stated only one street in the sub had signage, and that he is in favor of a stop sign being installed.

Sgt. Warzecha stated he is not opposed but wanted to remind everyone that it does not always fix the problem(s).

Cynthia Wilsher is happy the HOA has been informed of the issues and is in favor of the stop sign.

Al Petrulis agrees that the stop sign may not help, and that it could potentially cause more harm because the stop sign gives false hope that the driver is going to stop, and they may not.

Resolution # 2023-04-04  
Moved by Kilmer  
Seconded by Wilsher

RESOLVED, that the intersection of Elm at Forest Park Drive be **MODIFIED** from UNCONTROLLED on the Elm approach to STOP control on the Elm approach to the intersection.

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**5. Request for Traffic Control – Lesdale at Donaldson**

Leah Kellow of 416 E. Lovell requests that the intersection of Lesdale St. and Donaldson Rd. be reviewed for purposes of traffic control on Donaldson Rd. at the intersection. She stated that the intersection is an Avondale bus drop-off/pickup for a significant number of children. The intersection has no sidewalks children and parents stand in the street waiting for the bus, there have been many close calls. It is difficult for Lesdale traffic to see Donaldson traffic. This creates a hazardous situation for drivers and pedestrians, stop signs for Donaldson traffic would make it safer.

Leah Kellow states the intersection in question has 11 kids waiting for the bus, along with their siblings and families and with no sidewalk they are standing in the street. People fly on Donaldson, one incident recently occurred and they all had to jump into the front yard of 245 E Lovell when a parent flew around the corner. 274 E Lovell is tree covered so people don't see the kids. The hope is that the sign sign will encourage people to stop. All the parents want this subdivision safe.

Stephanie Hundt of 6644 Montclair stated the neighborhood is a huge cut thru and that Donaldson is used frequently. The majority of the cars they see do not live in the subdivision and are just using it to cut thru. She thinks the intersection needs to be a 4-way stop.

Raine Gersky has 3 children under 10 and they walk to the bus often, she doesn't feel that they can stand out there safely. She is a trauma therapist and is in favor of doing whatever she can to avoid kids from ever having to see an accident like that. The subdivision is full of young kids, and it continues to grow. The bus stop currently has a total of 14 kids waiting for the bus.

Sgt. Warzecha asked if they have contacted the bus garage to see about moving the bus stop.

Leah stated if they moved the stop the crowd would be even larger, and it wouldn't be any safer to move it and have a larger crowd waiting in the street.

Richard Kilmer went out on April 11<sup>th</sup> and verified that they have nowhere else to stand when waiting for the bus and is in favor of that intersection becoming a 4-way stop. Cindy Nurak concurred. Al Petrusis pointed out that OHM recommended to monitor the intersection. Wilsher added that she did see people flying down Donaldson when she was out looking at this intersection.

Resolution # 2023-04-05  
Moved by Wilsher  
Seconded by Kilmer

RESOLVED, that the intersection of Lesdale at Donaldson Dr. be **MODIFIED** from UNCONTROLLED on the Donaldson approaches to STOP control on Donaldson Drive.

Yes: Kilmer, Nurak, Petrusis, Swaminathan, Wilsher, Ziegenfelder  
No: None  
Absent: Kenkre

**MOTION CARRIED**

**6. Request for No Parking Zone – Wexford and Gloucester Intersection**

Stephen Dunn of 2479 Warwick requests that a NO PARKING signs be placed at the intersection of Wexford and Gloucester. Mr. Dunn reports that vehicles park on the east side of Wexford between Gloucester and the driveway for 2496 creating a vision obstruction for vehicles traveling from Gloucester.

Stephen Dunn of 2479 Warwick brought in pictures with views of the intersection in question, and showed how a Ford Focus causes an obstruction to traffic when driving on either Wexford or Gloucester and wants it to be fixed. Stephen stated that it is a very busy intersection and has a high volume of traffic. Mentions that the yield sign should be a stop sign, and pointed out that Warwick and Witherbee has a 3-way stop just blocks over. All he wants is the intersection to be clear. Would like the No Parking sign to be placed between 2496 Wexford and Gloucester. States the problem has been resolved and the neighbor who regularly parked there has now stopped, but they do have a lot of overflow from the church having events nearby.

Trudy Barone of 2574 Wexford states she is not opposed to the No Parking but is not sure that it will be affective because people ignore the signs through out the subdivision.

Joseph Barone of 2574 Wexford concurred with Trudy, and states that cars are not always parked there.

Paul Ducas of 2574 Wexford has no issue with the sign being placed in the area requested, but wants to make sure that side of the street does not lose anymore parking.

Jon Storm of 2497 Wexford moved his Ford Focus and other cars from that parking place as soon as the notice was sent out about the traffic committee meetings. Agrees with Paul that he does not want to lose all the parking on the street since it is such a busy area. Thinks a Stop Sign would be more beneficial then a No Parking Sign.

Sgt Warzecha stated 1 accident has been reported and it was a self-inflicted incident.

Pete Ziegenfelder mentions that Michigan vehicle code that states a car should not be parked within 20' of a crosswalk, so the Ford Focus or any other car should not be parked there.

Richard Kilmer stated that he is in favor but thinks the No Parking Signs should be at each end of Wexford, Cynthia Wilsher agrees that the whole intersection needs signage. Cindy Nurak does not think that more parking should be taken. Al Petrusis concurs that it is excessive and doesn't think it's a signage issue its an enforcement issue and the owner of the Ford Focus stated he will not park there anymore.

**NO MOTION WAS MOVED FORWARD FOR A VOTE.**

**7. Election of Officers**

In accordance with the By-Laws of the City of Troy Traffic Committee, Article III, nomination of officers shall be made from the floor on the third Wednesday of February of each year for the purpose of electing a Chairperson and a Vice-Chairperson. There was no Traffic Committee meeting held in February so this item was moved to the March 17, 2021 meeting.

A candidate receiving a majority vote of the members present at the meeting shall be declared elected and shall serve for one year or until his or her successor shall take office. Vacancies in offices shall be filled immediately by regular election procedure.

Article II of the By-Laws speaks to the Officers and Their Duties, which states:

Section 1 - The officers of the Traffic Committee shall consist of a Chairperson and a Vice-Chairperson.

Section 2 - The Chairperson shall preside at all meetings of the Traffic Committee and shall have the duties normally conferred by parliamentary usage on such officers.

Section 3 - The Chairperson shall be one of the citizen members of the Committee and shall have the privilege of discussing all matters before the Committee and voting thereon.

Section 4 - The Vice-Chairperson shall act for the Chairperson in his or her absence. The Vice-Chairperson shall be a citizen member of the Committee, with the rights and privileges of the Chairperson.

Resolution # 2023-04-06

Moved by Kilmer

Seconded by Petrulis

RESOLVED, that Pete Ziegenfelder be elected Chairperson of the Traffic Committee for calendar year 2023.

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

No: None

Absent: Kenkre

**MOTION CARRIED**

RESOLVED, that Al Petrulis be elected Vice-Chairperson of the Traffic Committee for calendar year 2023.

Resolution # 2023-04-07

Moved by Kilmer

Seconded by Wilsher

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

No: None

Absent: Kenkre

**MOTION CARRIED**

**8. Public Comment**

There was no further public comment at the meeting.

**9. Other Business**

**10. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

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Pete Ziegenfelder, Chairperson

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G. Scott Finlay, City Engineer/Traffic Engineer

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