

A regular meeting of the Troy Traffic Committee was held Wednesday, November 23, 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: Shama Kenkre
Richard Kilmer
Cindy Nurak
Al Petrulis
Abi Swaminathan
Cynthia Wilsher
Pete Ziegenfelder
Angela Zhou, Student Representative

Also present: G. Scott Finlay, City Engineer
Sgt. Brian Warzecha, Police Department
Deputy Fire Chief, Paul Firth, Fire Department
Merissa Clark, Administrative Assistant

2. Minutes – September 20, 2023 Traffic Committee

Resolution # 2023-11-10
Moved by Kilmer
Seconded by Nurak

To approve the September 20, 2023 minutes as printed.

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

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC HEARINGS

3. Request for Sidewalk Waiver – 6970 Donaldson (Sidwell # 88-20-03-126-048)

Harsha & Danelle Chandra-Sekhar, homeowners request a sidewalk waiver for the sidewalk at 6970 Donaldson (Sidwell # 88-20-03-126-048). The homeowners state:

There are no other sidewalks in the subdivision. This would be the only sidewalk and property on both sides as well as across the street have no sidewalks. A sidewalk would literally be a sidewalk to nowhere.

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

and the open drainage ditches of the area”, subject to the submission of a cash deposit for future construction to assure consent and participation in any future sidewalk installation.

ITEM REMOVED BY APPLICANT

4. Request for Sidewalk Waiver – 5921 Willow Grove (Sidwell # 88-20-11-126-026)

Mike Agnetti, homeowner requests a sidewalk waiver for the sidewalk at 5921 Willow Grove (Sidwell # 88-20-11-126-026). Mr. Agnetti states:

- a. There are no other sidewalks in the subdivision. This would be the only sidewalk and property on both sides as well as across the street have no sidewalks. A sidewalk would literally be a sidewalk to nowhere.*
- b. There are several new construction homes in the subdivision and none of them have sidewalks.*

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 and the open drainage ditches of the area”,* subject to the submission of a cash deposit for future construction to assure consent and participation in any future sidewalk installation.

ITEM REMOVED BY APPLICANT

5. Request for Sidewalk Waiver – 1868 Eastport (Sidwell # 88-20-27-333-017)

Jonathan Janke, homeowner requests a sidewalk waiver for the sidewalk at 1868 Eastport (Sidwell # 88-20-27-333-017). Mr. Janke states:

- a. There are no other sidewalks in the subdivision. This would be the only sidewalk and property on both sides as well as across the street have no sidewalks. A sidewalk would literally be a sidewalk to nowhere.*
- b. There are several new construction homes in the subdivision and none of them have sidewalks.*

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 and the open drainage ditches of the area”,* subject to the submission of a cash deposit for future construction to assure consent and participation in any future sidewalk installation.

Rebekah Perry the homeowner at 1868 Eastport stated that there are no other sidewalks in the subdivision or on Eastport. The sidewalk would lead nowhere, and none of the other new construction homes installed sidewalk.

Tim Ostler the homeowner at 1856 Eastport stated that he sold this lot to the owners and mentioned that the builder was not aware of the sidewalk requirement/process that Troy has in place. Pointed out that a culvert pipe was recently installed when the streets were repaved this year and the culvert pipe is exactly where the sidewalk would be placed. He does not think it should be required.

Mr. Savoie at 1853 Eastport agreed with both of his neighbors.

Pete Ziegenfelder stated that the sidewalk would eventually connect/lead to somewhere.

Al Petrulis stated that it wouldn't make sense to install the sidewalk, especially with the culvert pipe being placed where it is.

Cynthia Wilsher stated she has lived next to this subdivision since the 60's and it has never had sidewalk – Maple had it installed but nowhere else.

Richard Kilmer asked why the culvert pipe was placed there, and Scott Finlay explained the reasoning in regards to the Engineering Departments paving job.

Resolution # 2023-11-11
Moved by Petrulis
Seconded by Kilmer

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, Jonathan Janke 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 1868 Eastport (Sidwell # 88-20-27-333-017) subject to the submission of a cash deposit commensurate with the cost of sidewalk construction.

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

MOTION CARRIED
REGULAR BUSINESS

6. 2024 Traffic Committee Meeting Schedule

According to the 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 # 2023-11-12
Moved by Wilsher
Seconded by Nurak

RESOLVED, that the Traffic Committee SHALL HOLD Regular Meetings in 2024 according to the following schedule at 7:30 PM:

- Wednesday, January 17
- Wednesday, February 21
- Wednesday, March 20
- Wednesday, April 17
- Wednesday, May 15
- Wednesday, June 19
- Wednesday, July 17
- August – NO MEETING
- Wednesday, September 18
- Wednesday, October 16
- Wednesday, November 20
- December – NO MEETING

7. Public Comment

There was no further public comment at the meeting.

8. Other Business

9. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.



Pete Ziegenfelder -Chairperson

G. Scott Finlay, City Engineer/Traffic Engineer