

## TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

### Meeting Minutes of April 19, 2019

Present: Chief Kilcullen, Commander Sheldon, Jim Rotondo, Ted Gillen, Dave Sears and Rebecca Mattis

Absent: Jeffrey Wennberg and Brad LaFaso of Lafaso Electric

Meeting was called to order at 9:03 A.M. by Chief Kilcullen

#### New Business:

1. Request for Parking regulatory signs downtown to be replaced so that they meet the recommendations set forth in the USDOT / FHA Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices – Officer Kevin Blongy

Their current placement needs to be fixed and the signs should be a minimum of 7 feet high. Their background should be white with a red border and lettering. The manual also mentions green and orange for regulations with certain times (The signs provided for the Kiosk)

#### PLEASE REFER TO ATTACHED LIST

Chief Kilcullen stated that Officer Blongy gave us his concerns about downtown signage. If you come down Washington Street, you can't see the "Bardwell signs" Ted Gillen mentioned that the signs should be at a 90 degree angle, Jim Rotondo agreed. Currently, the Bardwell signs are parallel to the road. They need to be corrected. It was also asked how we go through downtown and move all signs to 30 degrees? Dave said it could be done. It would need a crew and would take time. Chief Kilcullen mentioned that there was an incident where a guy was written a ticket, he said he couldn't see the signs. We voided the ticket. Chief mentioned that he is on board angling signs to the proper angle.

Dave Sears mentioned that the Kiosk signs were put on lower post as a temporary thing. It's probably time to put in good sign. Right now is a good time to do some of this stuff. We could go down and put in 7 foot post and hang new signs to get Kiosk worked out. We need to prioritize. Chief stated that he thinks Center Street should go first, then move on to Bardwell signs. Beyond that, as far as the angle of the signs, do you have inventory on placement & signs? Jim stated, no. Jim mentioned that at a previous meeting, we had talked about going around the City and checking Reflectivity and age of signs. We can do this in the next couple of weeks. Chief said that would be nice, then could budget for what is needed. Jim said that they would plan to have review done in a month in a half or so. Chief asked if we should go through the 2 page list that Officer Blongy provided us and address each of these items or just have DPW look at them all when they do the review?

Court Street North end – will be looked at with the review

Church Street South end at West St – Chief mentioned there is no sign. We need a sign, Here. Dave thinks when meters were taken out, they may have overlooked this.

Prospect Street / Pleasant Street – Prospect Street is fine. We will move the sign back on Pleasant Street. Dave will look at this. Parking meters run out on Court Street, then people park here.

Washington Street at Court Street south side – Dave mentioned that they looked at this when they were looking at the American Legion parking lot. Chief stated that this makes sense to look at this and move sign. Commander Sheldon asked Dave if there is a requirement that says it has to be so many feet? Dave, said that he believed the manual says as a minimum.

Merchants Row – need something here.

North block of Wales Street – Are the signs, city signs? It was stated that big trucks will have trouble taking left turn onto Wales St. Dave mentioned that it's very difficult to get through Wales Street on a Friday afternoon with all of the delivery trucks. Commander Sheldon mentioned that having delivery area on Willow Street, he didn't think it would help and that it's not enforceable. Dave mentioned that maybe they could extend loading zone at Turner's old building.

2. Request to “remove” the Yield sign on Court Street at West Street and replace it with a Stop sign – Chief Kilcullen

There are no sight lines. Looking to replace yield sign with a “Stop” sign.

3. Request to install a “No Left Turn” sign westbound on West Street at Wales Street – Chief Kilcullen

Chief Kilcullen mentioned that he thought that the Mayor brought this up. Commander Sheldon and he have seen this happen a number of times. It would be best to have it placed near traffic lights. There is one, East bound on a post.

Other old business -

It was mentioned that the Council on Aging has been real good about not parking on the sidewalk. Our officers have been checking on this. Jim asked if there were concrete blocks, there. Commander Sheldon said no. Jim mentioned that it might be good to try to have them put in permanent curb stops or the parking issue may be a constant one.

Chief asked if DPW's inventory will include on Merchants Row, going South, left turn lane and straight lane? It was stated that lane markings don't last. There aren't any signs. Jim mentioned that we talked about putting these up a year ago. I think we should do that. Nora may have identified these spots in the minutes. Chief asked who puts these up. Brad at Lafaso Electric puts these up.

Jim brought up the design plan for West Street bumpouts. This was a project that went through RRA & additional funding with the Board of Alderman. Discussion was to have one on Court Square near the park and one near the Mobil on West Street. Commander Sheldon asked if all the construction in Meadow Street Park is part of this Segment. Yes.

Jim stated that they have 3 sets of flashing beacons, 1 for West Street and 1 for the Hospital and 1 for the path. We may want to discuss this, take a ride out there. Jim thinks that the Police should get involved.

Rebecca stated that she had questions on bump-outs & beacons and will ask later.

Meeting adjourned at 9:32 A.M.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Nora Moore, Records Clerk

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Board of Alderman  
City Clerk  
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