A regular meeting of the Troy Traffic Committee was held Wednesday, March 19, 2014 in the Lower Level Conference Room at Troy City Hall. Ted Halsey called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

1. Roll Call

PRESENT: Sarah Binkowski
Tim Brandstetter
Ted Halsey
Stevan Popovic

ABSENT: Richard Kilmer
Al Petrulis
Pete Ziegenfelder

Also present: Murray Deagle, 328 Evaline
Brad Manning, 660/670 Trombley
Jerry Griffith, 660/670 Trombley
Sgt. Mike Szuminski, Police Department
Bill Huotari, Deputy City Engineer/Traffic Engineer

2. Minutes – February 19, 2014

RESOLUTION # 2014-03-06

Moved by Binkowski
Seconded by Brandstetter

To approve the February 19, 2014 minutes as printed.

YES: 4 (Binkowski, Brandstetter, Halsey, Popovic)
NO: None
ABSENT: 3 (Kilmer, Petrulis, Ziegenfelder)

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC HEARINGS

3. Request for Sidewalk Waiver – Sidwell #88-20-20-427-038

Item #3 and #4 were discussed at the same time by the Committee. The petitioner was not present at the meeting.

Safet Stafa requests a sidewalk waiver for the sidewalk at Lot 52 of Muer's Garden Farms, Sidwell #88-20-20-427-038. Petitioner states that there is no existing sidewalk on Banmoor.

This will be a corner lot, so the waiver would actually apply to Banmoor and McClure as it would be granted to the parcel.

Traffic Engineering received two (2) emails regarding this request. One (1) email from Ann Bruttell of 3425 McClure Drive requested that the waiver be denied. The second email, from Jennifer and Mark Beres of 3322 McClure supported granting the waiver.

General discussion relative to sidewalk waivers and lack of existing sidewalks in this area ensued. There were no members of the public that commented on this item.

RESOLUTION # 2014-03-07

Moved by Binkowski
Seconded by Brandstetter

1. **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, Safet Stafa has requested a waiver of the requirement to construct sidewalk due to the fact that there is no existing sidewalk on Banmoor or McClure; 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 Lot 52 of Muer's Garden Farms, Sidwell #88-20-20-427-038.

YES: 4 (Binkowski, Brandstetter, Halsey, Popovic)
NO: None
ABSENT: 3 (Kilmer, Petrulis, Ziegenfelder)

MOTION CARRIED

4. Request for Sidewalk Waiver – Sidwell #88-20-20-427-039

Item #3 and #4 were discussed at the same time by the Committee. The petitioner was not present at the meeting.

Safet Stafa requests a sidewalk waiver for the sidewalk at Lot 52 of Muer's Garden Farms, Sidwell #88-20-20-427-039. Petitioner states that there is no existing sidewalk on Banmoor.

Traffic Engineering received two (2) emails regarding this request. One (1) email from Ann Bruttell of 3425 McClure Drive requested that the waiver be denied. The second email, from Jennifer and Mark Beres of 3322 McClure supported granting the waiver.

General discussion relative to sidewalk waivers and lack of existing sidewalks in this area ensued. There were no members of the public that commented on this item.

RESOLUTION # 2014-03-08

Moved by Brandstetter
Seconded by Binkowski

1. **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, Safet Stafa has requested a waiver of the requirement to construct sidewalk due to the fact that there is no existing sidewalk on Banmoor; 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 Lot 52 of Muer's Garden Farms, Sidwell #88-20-20-427-039.

YES: 4 (Binkowski, Brandstetter, Halsey, Popovic)
NO: None
ABSENT: 3 (Kilmer, Petrulis, Ziegenfelder)

MOTION CARRIED

5. Request for Sidewalk Waiver – 475 Leetonia

Murray Deagle requests a sidewalk waiver for the sidewalk at Lot 92 of McCormick & Lawrence Little Farms Subdivision, 475 Leetonia, Sidwell #88-20-15-377-042. Petitioner states that there is no existing sidewalk on Leetonia to the west that would connect to Livernois. Mr. Deagle also states that there are potential issues with drainage and road grades along Leetonia.

Traffic Engineering received one (1) phone call from James Wong of 491 Leetonia regarding the sidewalk waiver request. Mr. Wong supports installation of a sidewalk if it were to be extended to Livernois.

Mr. Deagle was present at the meeting and noted that this lot is adjacent to existing sidewalk and would connect to a sidewalk network that provides a pathway to Leonard Elementary. He supports the waiver based on his claims that drainage in the area will be adversely impacted by installation of sidewalk.

Mr. Brandstetter did review the site and it appears that drainage issues should be able to be addressed during grading of the site.

Ms. Binkowski also recommended that the sidewalk be installed and that drainage issues be addressed through engineering and site grading.

RESOLUTION # 2014-03-09

Moved by Brandstetter
Seconded by Popovic

1. **WHEREAS**, the Traffic Committee has determined, after a public hearing, that Petitioner failed to establish the standards justifying the granting of a waiver,

   NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Traffic Committee denies a waiver of the sidewalk requirement for Lot 92 of McCormick & Lawrence Little Farms Subdivision, 475 Leetonia, Sidwell #88-20-15-377-042.

YES: 4 (Binkowski, Brandstetter, Halsey, Popovic)
NO: None
ABSENT: 3 (Kilmer, Petrulis, Ziegenfelder)

MOTION CARRIED

6. Request for Sidewalk Waiver – Sidwell #88-20-22-401-095 (Parcel A)

Item #6 and #7 were discussed at the same time by the Committee.

Eric Konieczny requests a sidewalk waiver for the sidewalk at Lot 40 (Parcel A) of Supervisors Plat #6, Sidwell #88-20-22-401-095. Petitioner states that there is no existing sidewalk on Trombley.

Mr. Brad Manning of 660/670 Trombley was present at the meeting and supported a waiver based on no existing sidewalk on the entire street or in the area. The sidewalk would connect to nothing and lead to nowhere.

Mr. Halsey, who lives on Vanderpool, one block south of Trombley, confirmed that there are no sidewalks in this neighborhood.

Traffic Engineering received one (1) email regarding this sidewalk waiver. Mr. Frank Colosimo supports installation of the sidewalk and requests that the waiver be denied.

RESOLUTION # 2014-03-10

Moved by Popovic
Seconded by Brandstetter

1. **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, Eric Konieczny has requested a waiver of the requirement to construct sidewalk due to the fact that there is no existing sidewalk on Trombley; 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 Lot 40 (Parcel A) of Supervisors Plat #6, Sidwell #88-20-22-401-095.

YES: 4 (Binkowski, Brandstetter, Halsey, Popovic)
NO: None
ABSENT: 3 (Kilmer, Petrulis, Ziegenfelder)

MOTION CARRIED

7. Request for Sidewalk Waiver – Sidwell #88-20-22-401-096 (Parcel B)

Item #6 and #7 were discussed at the same time by the Committee.

Eric Konieczny requests a sidewalk waiver for the sidewalk at Lot 40 (Parcel B) of Supervisors Plat #6, Sidwell #88-20-22-401-096. Petitioner states that there is no existing sidewalk on Trombley.

Mr. Brad Manning of 660/670 Trombley was present at the meeting and supported a waiver based on no existing sidewalk on the entire street or in the area. The sidewalk would connect to nothing and lead to nowhere.

Mr. Halsey, who lives on Vanderpool, one block south of Trombley, confirmed that there are no sidewalks in this neighborhood.

Traffic Engineering received one (1) email regarding this sidewalk waiver. Mr. Frank Colosimo supports installation of the sidewalk and requests that the waiver be denied.

RESOLUTION # 2014-03-11

Moved by Popovic
Seconded by Brandstetter

1. **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, Eric Konieczny has requested a waiver of the requirement to construct sidewalk due to the fact that there is no existing sidewalk on Trombley; 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 Lot 40 (Parcel B) of Supervisors Plat #6, Sidwell #88-20-22-401-096.

YES: 4 (Binkowski, Brandstetter, Halsey, Popovic)
NO: None
ABSENT: 3 (Kilmer, Petrulis, Ziegenfelder)

MOTION CARRIED

REGULAR BUSINESS

8. Election of Chairperson

By-laws of the City of Troy Traffic Committee address the appointment of Chairperson. 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.

Mr. Brandstetter nominated Mr. Ziegenfelder to remain as Chairperson. This was supported by Mr. Halsey.

RESOLUTION # 2014-03-12

Moved by Brandstetter
Seconded by Halsey

RESOLVED, That Traffic Committee hereby **ELECTS** Pete Ziegenfelder to serve as Chairperson for the Traffic Committee for a term scheduled to expire in one (1) year or until his or her successor shall take office.

YES: 4 (Binkowski, Brandstetter, Halsey, Popovic)
NO: None
ABSENT: 3 (Kilmer, Petrulis, Ziegenfelder)

MOTION CARRIED

9. Election of Vice-Chairperson

By-laws of the City of Troy Traffic Committee address the appointment of Vice-Chairperson. 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.

Mr. Halsey nominated Ms. Binkowski as Vice-Chairperson. This was supported by Mr. Brandstetter.

RESOLUTION # 2014-03-13

Moved by Halsey
Seconded by Brandstetter

RESOLVED, That Traffic Committee hereby **ELECTS** Sarah Binkowski to serve as Vice-Chairperson for the Traffic Committee for a term scheduled to expire in one (1) year or until his or her successor shall take office.

YES: 4 (Binkowski, Brandstetter, Halsey, Popovic)
NO: None
ABSENT: 3 (Kilmer, Petrulis, Ziegenfelder)

MOTION CARRIED

10. Public Comment

Ms. Kira Binkowski of 139 Scottsdale Drive requested that the intersection of Livernois and Square Lake be reviewed. School buses traveling northbound on Livernois and turning eastbound to Square Lake are in conflict with southbound Livernois left turning traffic that stop past the stop bar at the intersection. Ms. Binkowski requests that the stop bar be moved back to provide for more room for the school bus to navigate the turn.

11. Other Business

The April Traffic Committee meeting will be moved to Wednesday, April 16, 2014 at 7:30 PM. It had been scheduled for April 23, but a conflict with budget sessions necessitated a move in the scheduled Traffic Committee meeting date.

12. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Pete Ziegenfelder, Chairperson

Bill Huotari, Deputy City Engineer/Traffic Engineer

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