

A regular meeting of the Troy Traffic Committee was held Wednesday, April 16, 2008 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: Sara Binkowski  
Ted Halsey  
Jan Hubbell  
Richard Kilmer  
Gordon Schepke  
Pete Ziegenfelder  
ABSENT: John Diefenbaker

Also present: Ravi Vora, 6843 Fieldstone  
Anthony Naiman, 6938 Fieldstone  
Joe Donelko, 6826 Fieldstone  
Steve Vandette, City Engineer  
Bill Huotari, Deputy City Engineer  
John Abraham, Traffic Engineer  
Lt. David Livingston, Troy Police Dept.  
Lt. Eric Caloia, Troy Fire Dept.

RESOLUTION #2008-04-18

Moved by Kilmer  
Seconded by Binkowski

To excuse Mr. Diefenbaker

YES: All-6  
NO: None  
ABSENT: 1 (Diefenbaker)  
MOTION CARRIED

**2. Minutes – March 19, 2008**

RESOLUTION #2008-04-19

Moved by Hubbell  
Seconded by Schepke

To approve the March 19, 2008 minutes.

YES: All-6  
NO: None  
ABSENT: 1 (Diefenbaker)  
MOTION CARRIED

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### 3. Approval of Updated By Laws

Mr. Ziegenfelder had presented additional suggestions for revision of the by-laws via email to the Traffic Engineering office. The matter will be tabled pending review by the City Attorney.

#### RESOLUTION #2008-04-20

Moved by Hubbell

Seconded by Halsey

To table consideration of revision of the By-Laws until the additional suggestions by the chairman are reviewed by the City Attorney.

YES: All-6  
NO: None  
ABSENT: 1 (Diefenbaker)  
MOTION CARRIED

## REGULAR BUSINESS

### 4. Install NO PARKING Signs on Fieldstone Drive

Robert G. Naiman, of 6938 Fieldstone Drive, requests NO PARKING signs on both sides of Fieldstone, in the Meadowland Estates Subdivision. Mr. Naiman reports that the neighboring Heartland Healthcare facility at 925 South Boulevard does not have adequate parking, and vehicles park on Fieldstone on a daily basis. He says that the cars park very close to South Boulevard, creating a hazard to residents entering Fieldstone from South Blvd. and from their driveways. The Naimans have contacted several City departments and since it is legal to park on the west side of Fieldstone, the situation has not changed.

Field observations indicate that during three field visits there were up to 20 vehicles at a time parked on Fieldstone on any one day. Some vehicles were parked very close to the South Blvd. intersection/crosswalk, and the Police Department was informed.

Our Building Inspections Department has been in contact with Heartland Healthcare, and is aware that the facility has inadequate parking. Originally the facility was approved for a nursing home-type and rehabilitation facility that wouldn't require a large number of parking stalls. However, the facility now has changed to a higher percentage of rehabilitation patients, necessitating much more parking. The facility is actively looking at reconfiguring their site to add more parking spaces.

Anthony Naiman addressed the committee and presented a petition signed by 24 neighbors requesting that parking be restricted on Fieldstone.

RESOLUTION #2008-04-21

Moved by Halsey  
 Seconded by Hubbell

Recommend installing “NO PARKING Mon.-Fri. 7 a.m.- 5p.m.” signs on the west side of Fieldstone from South Boulevard to White Tail Drive.

YES: All-6  
 NO: None  
 ABSENT: 1 (Diefenbaker)  
 MOTION CARRIED

**5. Study Item – Review of Traffic Crashes on Crooks between Big Beaver and Wilshire**

At the last Traffic Committee meeting, Richard Kilmer requested a review of traffic crashes on Crooks Road between Big Beaver and Wilshire. This item was considered by the committee a few years ago to determine the need for left turn restrictions to and from the businesses on Crooks Road in this area.

Traffic crash reports were examined for 2005, 2006, and 2007, and attached are the summaries and collision diagrams for the three years. With more businesses added north of Einstein’s Bagels and Osborne Square developments, there seem to be more crashes, spread over all driveways on Crooks Road between Big Beaver and Wilshire.

Year	Total	Rear End	Right Angle	Head-On	Sideswipe	Out of Control
2005	20	6	13	0	1	0
2006	10	0	4	0	3	3
2007	20	12	7	0	1	0

The right-angle crashes in most cases involve vehicles making left turns.

This is presented to the Traffic Committee as a study item to determine if we need to make any recommendations to City Council on traffic control in the future.

One of the major concerns is that the driveway at Osborne Square is wider than usual, at times resulting in a conflict between two vehicles trying to exit the parking lot at the same time, while other vehicles are trying to turn into the driveway. The driveway is on private property, which precludes the City from taking direct action to correct it. The Traffic Engineer has tried to gain cooperation from the property owners in the past, but the situation has not changed. The Traffic Engineer suggested that the DDA might be able to work with the property owners to encourage them to make physical changes to the property.

Mr. Halsey suggested that the City might be able to narrow the approach in the City’s right of way.

Another suggestion is to build a median on Crooks to force traffic to Wilshire.

Ms. Binkowski suggested prohibiting left turns into the property from northbound Crooks.

The committee agreed that to improve traffic safety it will be necessary to prohibit left turns from northbound Crooks, since cooperation of the property owners has not been forthcoming.

This item will be placed on the June 2008 Traffic Committee agenda for consideration.

**6. Public Comment**

No one else wished to address the committee.

**7. Other Business**

**RESOLUTION #2008-04-22**

Moved by Hubbell

Seconded by Kilmer

To cancel the May 21, 2008 meeting.

YES: All-6

NO: None

ABSENT: 1 (Diefenbaker)

MOTION CARRIED

**8. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

  
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Pete Ziegenfelder, Chair

  
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Laurel Nottage, Recording Secretary