A regular meeting of the Troy Traffic Committee was held Wednesday, September 16, 2015 in the Lower Level Conference Room at Troy City Hall. Al Petrulis called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

1. Roll Call

Present: David Easterbrook
Richard Kilmer
Al Petrulis
Cynthia Wilsher
Katie Regan (Student Representative)

Absent: Tim Brandstetter
Pete Ziegenfelder

Also present: Amgad Beshaw, 2900 Lovington
Bradford Watson, 84 Melanie Lane
Matt Giroux, 6785 Michael Drive
Gary Abitheira, 3301 Mirage
Alan Giles, on behalf of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church
Lt. Eric Caloia, Fire Department
Sgt. Mike Szuminski, Police Department
Bill Huotari, Deputy City Engineer/Traffic Engineer

2. Minutes – July 15, 2015

Resolution # 2015-09-37
Moved by Kilmer
Seconded by Easterbrook

To approve the June 17, 2015 minutes as printed.

Yes: Easterbrook, Kilmer, Petrulis, Wilsher
No: None
Absent: Brandstetter, Ziegenfelder

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC HEARINGS

3. Request for Sidewalk Waiver – 2900 Lovington (Sidwell #88-20-36-426-015)

Amgad Beshaw requests a sidewalk waiver for the sidewalk at 2900 Lovington (Sidwell #88-20-36-426-015). Mr. Beshaw states that "*we need please to wave us from the sidewalk in the use of Lovington Ave, because we don't have sidewalks in Lovington Ave".*

Mr. Beshaw was present at the meeting and stated that they are requesting the sidewalk waiver as there are no sidewalks along either side of Lovington. The sidewalk would connect to nothing,

lead to nowhere and serve no purpose.

Ms. Wilsher stated that there are no sidewalks along Lovington.

Resolution # 2015-09-38
Moved by Kilmer
Seconded by Easterbrook

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, Amgad Beshaw has requested a waiver of the requirement to construct sidewalk based on no other sidewalks on Lovington to connect to; 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 for the sidewalk requirement at 2900 Lovington (Sidwell #88-20-36-426-015).

YES: Easterbrook, Kilmer, Petrulis, Wilsher
NO: None
ABSENT: Brandstetter, Ziegenfelder

MOTION CARRIED

4. Request for Sidewalk Waiver – 607 Troywood (Sidwell #88-20-22-202-050)

Gary Abitheira requests a sidewalk waiver for the sidewalk at 607 Troywood (Sidwell #88-20-22-202-050). Mr. Abitheira states that "*we would like to request a sidewalk variance because there are no sidewalks in the area, therefore rendering the sidewalk in front of the house unnecessary and obscure ".*

Mr. Abitheira was present at the meeting and stated that he is requesting a sidewalk waiver as there are no other sidewalks along Troywood. The sidewalk would lead to nowhere and connect to no other sidewalk. The sidewalk would end up in a ditch, should it be installed.

One (1) email and one (1) phone call were received in support of granting a waiver and not requiring sidewalk to be installed.

Resolution # 2015-09-39
Moved by Easterbrook
Seconded by Wilsher

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, Gary Abitheira has requested a waiver of the requirement to construct sidewalk based on no other sidewalks on Troywood to connect to; 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 for the sidewalk requirement at 607 Troywood (Sidwell #88-20-22-202-050).

YES: Easterbrook, Kilmer, Petrulis, Wilsher
NO: None
ABSENT: Brandstetter, Ziegenfelder

MOTION CARRIED

5. Request for Sidewalk Waiver – 2060 Rochester (Sidwell #88-20-27-430-040)

Gary Abitheira requests a sidewalk waiver for the sidewalk at 2060 Rochester (Sidwell #88-20-27-430-040). Mr. Abitheira states that "*this house is a corner house on Rochester Road and Larchwood. Sidewalk was put on Rochester road, however houses on Larchwood don't have sidewalks – the sidewalk would run directly into a fence. It would serve no purpose while also bringing in a possibility of discrepancies between neighbors".*
Mr. Abitheira was present at the meeting and stated that he is requesting a sidewalk waiver as there are no other sidewalks along Larchwood. The sidewalk would lead to nowhere and connect to no other sidewalk. The sidewalk would require that a fence and tree be removed on an adjacent parcel. 2060 Rochester is a corner lot and Mr. Abitheira did install the eight (8) foot sidewalk along the Rochester Road frontage.

Ms. Wilsher stated that the only sidewalk in this area is along Kelley which has several multi-family dwellings. There are no other sidewalks in this area. Ms. Wilsher said the streets in this area are dead end streets and wide enough to allow for pedestrians to walk in the street.

One (1) email was received in support of granting a waiver and not requiring sidewalk to be installed.

Resolution # 2015-09-40
Moved by Kilmer
Seconded by Easterbrook

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, Gary Abitheira has requested a waiver of the requirement to construct sidewalk based on no other sidewalks on Larchwood to connect to; 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 for the sidewalk requirement at 2060 Rochester (Sidwell #88-20-27-430-040), Larchwood frontage only.

YES: Easterbrook, Kilmer, Petrulis, Wilsher
NO: None
ABSENT: Brandstetter, Ziegenfelder

MOTION CARRIED

6. Request for Sidewalk Waiver – Devonwood (Sidwell #88-20-07-151-052)
Kenneth Freund requests a sidewalk waiver for the sidewalk on Devonwood, east of Adams (Sidwell #88-20-07-151-052). Mr. Freund states that "*construction of approximately 80 feet of sidewalk on Devonwood Road is unnecesary because Devonwood Road is a gravel road without sidewalks. Construction of a new sidewalk would lead to nowhere and connect to no other walk. Construction would not serve purpose of a pedestrian travel-way and would be an undue hardship on owner*".

The petiontioner was not present at the meeting to discuss the item.

One (1) person was in attendance at the meeting as a representative of St. Joseph's Episcopal Church who stated that the church did not have any objections to waiving the sidewalk on the north side of Devonwood.

General discussion of this item ensued. The sidewalk is required along what is the detention basin parcel. This parcel is heavily wooded to screen the detention basin and would require removal of significant vegetation to construct a sidewalk that would connect to no other sidewalks. Devonwood is an existing gravel road.

Resolution # 2015-09-41
Moved by Easterbrook
Seconded by Wilsher

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, Kenneth Freund has requested a waiver of the requirement to construct sidewalk based on no other sidewalks on Devonwood to connect to; 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 for the sidewalk requirement on Devonwood, east of Adams (Sidwell #88-20-07-151-052).

YES: Easterbrook, Kilmer, Petrulis, Wilsher
NO: None
ABSENT: Brandstetter, Ziegenfelder

MOTION CARRIED

REGULAR BUSINESS

7. Request for Traffic Control – Braemar at Aberdeen

Leslie Wojcik of 4837 Heatherbrook states that the lack of existing traffic control at the intersection of Braemar at Aberdeen creates a hazardous condition. Traffic does not yield the right-of-way and travels through the intersection at a high rate of speed and is unsafe for drivers and pedestrians.

No residents were in attendance at the meeting to discuss this item.

Katie Regan (Student Representative) lives on Gordon, near the subject intersection. Ms. Regan states that drivers on Aberdeen do not yield the right-of-way through the intersection and typically take the corner at high rates of speed. Ms. Regan thought a Yield sign would be appropriate to delineate right-of-way at the intersection.

Ms. Wilsher stated that traffic does not slow at this corner based on her observations. They just fly through the intersection without stopping and supports a Stop sign.

Resolution # 2015-09-42
Moved by Wilsher
Seconded by Easterbrook

RESOLVED, that the intersection of Braemar at Aberdeen be **MODIFIED** from NO traffic control to ONE-WAY STOP control with a sign on the northbound Aberdeen Drive approach to Braemar.

Yes: Easterbrook, Kilmer, Petrulis, Wilsher
No: None
Absent: Brandstetter, Ziegenfelder

MOTION CARRIED

8. Request for Traffic Control – Melanie at Michael

Brad Watson of 84 Melanie states that the lack of existing traffic control at the intersection of Braemar at Aberdeen creates a hazardous condition. Traffic does not yield the right-of-way and travels through the intersection at a high rate of speed and is unsafe for drivers and pedestrians.

Mr. Watson was in attendance at the meeting. He stated that Melanie is on a hill and that eight (8) children live near the intersection. Traffic from Michael passes through the intersection quickly without yielding the right-of-way. He is concerned about the protection of the children in the subdivision. He pointed out that many drivers are more concerned about exiting the subdivision to Livernois and are looking to the east, toward Livernois, at the intersection and not looking uphill to the west.

Mr. Matt Giroux of 6785 Michael Drive was in attendance at the meeting. He stated that he has only lived at his home for about a month and was attending to see what the request was about. He felt that a sign was not necessary due to the limited number of homes in the subdivision.

Ms. Wilsher discussed traffic moving through the intersection and supports Stop signs.

Mr. Petrulis asked about whether a Yield sign may be more appropriate traffic control as this is a limited access subdivision. The study by OHM Advisors did find that the Safe Approach Speed was less than 10 mph (9.8 mph) due to sight distance obstructions at the intersection. Therefore a Stop sign is the recommended treatment.

One (1) email was received in opposition to changes at the intersection and requested that no sign be placed.

Resolution # 2015-09-43
Moved by Easterbrook
Seconded by Wilsher

RESOLVED, that the intersection of Melanie at Michael be **MODIFIED** from NO traffic control to ONE-WAY STOP control with a sign on the southbound Michael Drive approach to Melanie.

Yes: Easterbrook, Kilmer, Petrulis, Wilsher
No: None
Absent: Brandstetter, Ziegenfelder

MOTION CARRIED

9. Public Comment

There was no public comment provided at the meeting.

10. Other Business

There was no other business discussed.

11. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Pete Ziegenfelder, Chairperson

Bill Huotari, Deputy City Engineer/Traffic Engineer

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