

AGENDA

Traffic Committee Meeting

May 18, 2016 – 7:30 P.M.

Lower Level Conference Room – Troy City Hall, 500 West Big Beaver Road

1. Roll Call
2. Minutes – April 13, 2016

PUBLIC HEARINGS

3. Request for Sidewalk Waiver – 2090 Rochester – Sidwell #88-20-27-429-050
4. Request for Sidewalk Waiver – 2218 Tucker – Sidwell #88-20-12-351-040

REGULAR BUSINESS

5. Request to Extend No Parking Zone – Brooklawn Court
6. I-75 Modernization Design Guide
7. Public Comment
8. Other Business
9. Adjourn

- cc:
- Item 3: Mike Johnson, 450 E. Square Lake, Troy, MI 48085
Properties within 300'
 - Item 4: Daniel Murza, 2218 Tucker, Troy, MI 48085
Properties within 300'
 - Item 5: Russell Lewis, 1068 Brooklawn Court
Properties within 300'

Traffic Committee Members
Captain Robert Redmond & Sgt. Mike Szuminski, Police Department
Lt. Eric Caloia, Fire Department
William J. Huotari, Deputy City Engineer/Traffic Engineer

TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

MESSAGE TO VISITORS, DELEGATIONS AND CITIZENS

The Traffic Committee is composed of seven Troy citizens who have volunteered their time to the City to be involved in traffic and safety concerns. The stated role of this Committee is:

- a. To give first hearing to citizens' requests and obtain their input.
- b. To make recommendations to the City Council based on technical considerations, traffic surveys, established standards, and evaluation of citizen input.
- c. To identify hazardous locations and recommend improvements to reduce the potential for traffic crashes.

Final decisions on sidewalk waivers will be made by the Committee at this meeting.

The recommendations and conclusions arrived at on regular items this evening will be forwarded to the City Council for their final action. Any citizen can discuss these recommendations before City Council. The items discussed at the Traffic Committee meeting will be placed on the City Council Agenda by the City Manager. The earliest date these items might be considered by City Council would normally be 10 days to 2 weeks from the Traffic Committee meeting. If you are interested, you may wish to contact the City Manager's Office in order to determine when a particular item is on the Agenda.

Persons wishing to speak before this Committee should attempt to hold their remarks to no more than 5 minutes. Please try to keep your remarks relevant to the subject at hand. Please speak only when recognized by the Chair. These comments are made to keep this meeting moving along. Anyone wishing to be heard will be heard; we are here to listen and help in solving or resolving your particular concerns.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

3. Request for Sidewalk Waiver – 2090 Rochester – Sidwell #88-20-27-429-050

Mike Johnson requests a sidewalk waiver for the sidewalk at 2090 Rochester Road (Sidwell #88-20-27-429-050). Mr. Johnson states “*leads nowhere and connects to nothing; south side (Larchwood) only*”.

The Department of Public Works (DPW) recommends approving this waiver request per the attached memo and not installing the sidewalk along Larchwood.

SUGGESTED RESOLUTIONS:

- 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, Mike Johnson has requested a waiver of the requirement to construct sidewalk based on the lack of sidewalk in the area and a new sidewalk would lead nowhere and connect to nothing; 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 at 2090 Rochester Road (Sidwell #88-20-27-429-050), along Larchwood only.

- 2. **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 2090 Rochester Road (Sidwell #88-20-27-429-050).

4. Request for Sidewalk Waiver – 2218 Tucker – Sidwell #88-20-12-351-040

Daniel Murza of 2218 Tucker requests a sidewalk waiver for the sidewalk at 2218 Tucker (Sidwell #88-20-12-351-040). Mr. Murza states “*none of the neighbours on the same side of*

the subdivision have a sidewalk (not even newer houses); it would impose great hardship with no benefit to owner or neighbours; it would have no contruance and it would be impractical; it is not feasible in the area due to location; we have been living in the house for more than 1 year with the current grading conditions; and this is a dirt road wtihout any pavement”.

The Department of Public Works (DPW) recommends approving this waiver request per the attached memo and not installing the sidewalk along Tucker.

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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Traffic Committee **GRANTS** a waiver of the sidewalk requirement at 2218 Tucker (Sidwell #88-20-12-351-040).

2. **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 2218 Tucker (Sidwell #88-20-12-351-040).

5. Request to Extend No Parking Zone – Brooklawn Court

Russell Lewis of 1068 Brooklawn Court requests that the No Parking Zone on Brooklawn Court be extended to Brooklawn (i.e. start the No Parking Zone at the entrance to Brooklawn Court from Brooklawn and continue the No Parking Zone to its current end point at the driveway of 1080 Brooklawn Court). Mr. Lewis states that allowing parking on both sides of Brooklawn Court as you enter creates a situation where it is difficult to navigate when vehicles occupy both sides of the street.

6. I-75 Modernization Design Guide

Review and discussion of the “Design Guide” for the I-75 widening and reconstruction project in Oakland County. The Design Guide provides for the aesthetic treatment or the look and feel of the project.

7. Public Comment

8. Other Business

9. Adjourn

A regular meeting of the Troy Traffic Committee was held Wednesday, April 13, 2016 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: Tim Brandstetter
Al Petrusis
Cynthia Wilsher
Pete Ziegenfelder
Katie Regan (Student Representative)

Absent: David Easterbrook
Mitch Huber
Richard Kilmer

Also present: Sgt. Mike Szuminski, Police Department
Bill Huotari, Deputy City Engineer/Traffic Engineer

2. Minutes – March 16, 2016

Resolution # 2016-04-12

Moved by Petrusis

Seconded by Wilsher

To approve the March 16, 2016 minutes as printed.

Yes: Brandstetter, Petrusis, Wilsher, Ziegenfelder

No: None

Absent: Easterbrook, Huber, Kilmer

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Resolution # 2016-04-13

Moved by Brandstetter

Seconded by Petrusis

To consider items #3 – #4 as one (1) item.

Yes: Brandstetter, Petrusis, Wilsher, Ziegenfelder

No: None

Absent: Easterbrook, Huber, Kilmer

MOTION CARRIED

3. Request for Sidewalk Waiver – 5213 Somerton – Sidwell #88-20-10-451-013

Kevin Baird requests a sidewalk waiver for the sidewalk at 5213 Somerton (Sidwell #88-20-10-451-013). Mr. Baird states *“Due to current grading characteristics of the land and surrounding properties we are requesting to deviate from installing sidewalks for the proposed property due to the recent parcel split. The initial development was never designed to have designated sidewalks and currently there are no sidewalks servicing this community or any surrounding areas. By installing sidewalks along the parameter of this lot it would make it dissimilar from all other lots and affect the way all surrounding lots are designed to drain surface tension watersheds. With this being stated we are requesting to not construct sidewalks surrounding said lot”*.

No public was present at the meeting to discuss this item. The applicant was not present at the meeting.

Traffic Engineering did receive one (1) email in support of sidewalk installation.

Mr. Ziegenfelder asked about a cash deposit as although the immediate area where the sidewalk waiver is requested does not have sidewalk, the existing subdivision immediately to the west has a very significant sidewalk network that could be connected to in the future.

Ms. Wilsher supported installation of sidewalks as she is in favor of sidewalks at all locations.

Mr. Brandstetter asked for clarification on the cash deposit.

Ms. Wilsher pointed out that these lots are close to a large subdivision to the west that would be a desirable sidewalk network to connect to at some time.

Mr. Brandstetter discussed drainage concerns and felt that they could be mitigated with grading as part of the new home construction.

Ms. Regan asked when sidewalk would be installed that would connect these lots to the subdivision to the west. No time frame is established as a sidewalk program would involve a Special Assessment District paid for by the residents.

Ms. Wilsher discussed that this is the best time to install sidewalk as these are new homes and the developer can grade the lots to make the sidewalk fit.

Mr. Petrulis questioned the aesthetics of how a sidewalk would look as there is no other sidewalk around it. He agrees that it is desirable to have sidewalk, but is unsure of when or if a sidewalk would connect to the existing sidewalks to the west.

Mr. Ziegenfelder said he supports sidewalk throughout the city.

Ms. Wilsher said that we need to start somewhere and made a motion to deny the sidewalk waiver, but no second was offered by another member.

Mr. Brandstetter said that installing sidewalk now does not seem right due to the nature and

character of the area, but the lots are so close to the large sidewalk network in the subdivision to the west that it is very likely that sidewalk will be installed at some time in the future. It would not be fair to a future resident of these homes to have to pay for sidewalk when it is a requirement and should be paid for, if not installed, by the current builder/developer.

Resolution # 2016-04-14

Moved by Brandstetter

Seconded by Petruslis

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- 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 at 5213 Somerton (Sidwell #88-20-10-451-013) contingent upon the receipt of a cash deposit commensurate with the cost of sidewalk construction.

Yes: Brandstetter, Petruslis, Ziegenfelder

No: Wilsher

Absent: Easterbrook, Huber, Kilmer

MOTION CARRIED

4. Request for Sidewalk Waiver – 5201 Somerton – Sidwell #88-20-10-451-014

Kevin Baird requests a sidewalk waiver for the sidewalk at 5201 Somerton (Sidwell #88-20-10-451-014). Mr. Baird states *“Due to current grading characteristics of the land and surrounding properties we are requesting to deviate from installing sidewalks for the proposed property due to the recent parcel split. The initial development was never designed to have designated sidewalks and currently there are no sidewalks servicing this community or any surrounding areas. By installing sidewalks along the parameter of this lot it would make it dissimilar from all other lots and affect the way all surrounding lots are*

designed to drain surface tension watersheds. With this being stated we are requesting to not construct sidewalks surrounding said lot'.

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Mr. Petrulis questioned the aesthetics of how a sidewalk would look as there is no other sidewalk around it. He agrees that it is desirable to have sidewalk, but is unsure of when or if a sidewalk would connect to the existing sidewalks to the west.

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Mr. Brandstetter said that installing sidewalk now does not seem right due to the nature and character of the area, but the lots are so close to the large sidewalk network in the subdivision to the west that it is very likely that sidewalk will be installed at some time in the future. It would not be fair to a future resident of these homes to have to pay for sidewalk when it is a requirement and should be paid for, if not installed, by the current builder/developer.

Resolution # 2016-04-15

Moved by Brandstetter

Seconded by Petrulis

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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Traffic Committee **GRANTS** a waiver of the sidewalk requirement at 5201 Somerton (Sidwell #88-20-10-451-014) contingent upon the receipt of a cash deposit commensurate with the cost of sidewalk construction.

Yes: Brandstetter, Petrulis, Ziegenfelder
No: Wilsher
Absent: Easterbrook, Huber, Kilmer

MOTION CARRIED

5. Public Comment

Mr. Brandstetter asked about the removal of the 2nd set of stop bars on southbound Stephenson, north of 14 Mile, near the new hotels. The DO NOT BLOCK INTERSECTION signs were removed some time ago when the old driveway was removed, but the stop bars at that location were left in place. It can create some minor confusion for drivers in the area. The Traffic Engineer will forward the request to DPW and have them add the area to the pavement marking list.

6. Other Business

There was no other business.

7. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Pete Ziegenfelder, Chairperson

Bill Huotari, Deputy City Engineer/Traffic Engineer



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March 22, 2016

TO: The City of Troy Traffic Committee

FROM: Timothy Richnak, Public Works Director 
Kurt Bovensiep, Public Works Manager 
Ashely Levin, Project Manager 

SUBJECT: Request for Waiver of Sidewalk Requirement
Sidwell Number 88-20-27-429-050

Per the attached waiver form, Mike Johnson, is requesting a waiver for the sidewalk on the property located at 2090 Rochester, 88-20-27-429-050 in the Stumpfs Beech Grove Subdivision.

Chapter 34 City of Troy Sidewalks and Driveway Approaches Ordinance # 34-07 requires, all owners of lots and premises abutting dedicated streets open to the public shall be required to construct sidewalks and driveway approaches at the time of construction of any new buildings or structures, or additions to buildings or structures, or at the time a nonconforming use changes to a permitted use in the Zoning District. No occupancy permit shall be issued until such time as the owners of said property have complied with the requirements of this provision provided only that the Director of Building and Zoning may extend the time for completion of the required sidewalks and driveway approaches in accordance with established procedure.

City of Troy Sidewalks and Driveway Approaches Ordinance # 34.07.01 also requires that a sidewalk be installed in conjunction with the development of a parcel due to a recent lot split, combination of parcels or a re-platting.

Please be advised that there is currently sidewalk along Rochester, but not along Larchwood. The subdivision behind 2090 Rochester does not have sidewalk.

We recommend that the sidewalk not be installed on Larchwood as per ordinance #34.07. Sidewalk on Rochester shall remain. Due to the lack of sidewalk on the surrounding streets, a sidewalk at this location on Larchwood would provide no pedestrian connections.

If the sidewalk requirements were to be waived, we recommend the approval be subject to the execution and recording of an "Agreement for Irrevocable Petition for Sidewalk", or the submission of a cash deposit for future construction to assure consent and participation in any future sidewalk installation.



City of Troy
Mr. Timothy L. Richnak
Public Works Director
4693 Rochester Road
Troy, MI 48098

Mr. Richnak,

I am/we are the owner(s) of the property at 2090 ROCHESTER RD

Lot number K 26 27-30-1/2 AVEY

Subdivision Name STUMPPS Beech Grove

Sidewell Number 80-20-27-429-050

I/we would like to request a sidewalk variance for the following reasons:

LEADS NOWHERE AND CONNECTS TO
NOTHING
✓ SOUTH side (LANCHWOOD) ONLY

See attached plan/sketch.

I/We can be contacted at 248-866-0080

Phone Number

MIKE JOHNSON

Name

450 E SQUARE LK

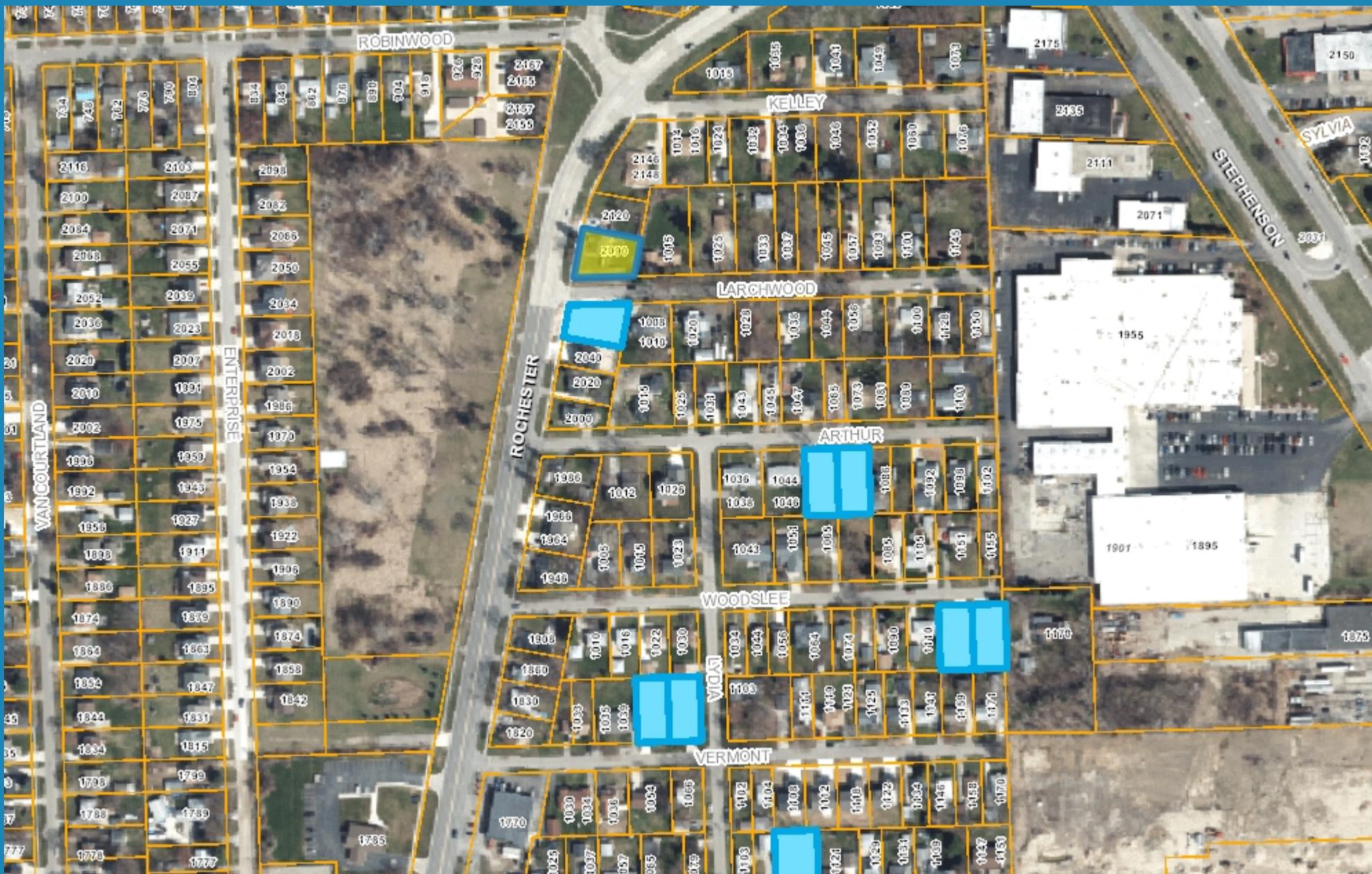
Address

TROY MI 48065

City, State, Zip

[Signature]

Signature



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April 15, 2016

TO: The City of Troy Traffic Committee

FROM: Timothy Richnak, Public Works Director 
Kurt Bovensiep, Public Works Manager 
Ashely Levin, Project Manager 

SUBJECT: Request for Waiver of Sidewalk Requirement
Sidwell Number 88-20-12-351-040

Per the attached waiver form, Daniel Murza, is requesting a waiver for the sidewalk on the property located at 2218 Tucker, 88-20-12-351-040 in the Eyster's John R Acres subdivision.

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Please be advised that Tucker is a gravel road and there is currently not sidewalk along Tucker to the west of the emergency vehicle access point on either side of the street, except for the parcel at the corner of John R and Tucker.

Due to the lack of sidewalk on the surrounding parcels, the open drainage ditches and grading of the area, we recommend that the sidewalk not be installed at 2218 Tucker as per ordinance #34.07.

If the sidewalk requirements were to be waived, we recommend the approval be subject to the execution and recording of an "Agreement for Irrevocable Petition for Sidewalk", or the submission of a cash deposit for future construction to assure consent and participation in any future sidewalk installation.



City of Troy
Mr. Timothy L. Richnak
Public Works Director
4693 Rochester Road
Troy, MI 48098

Mr. Richnak,

I am/we are the owner(s) of the property at 2218 Tucker

Lot number 88-20-12-351-040

Subdivision Name Jennings/Eysters John R Acres

Sidewell Number _____

I/we would like to request a sidewalk variance for the following reasons:

- none of the neighbours on the same side of the subdivision have a sidewalk (not even newer houses)
- it would impose great hardship with no benefit to owner or neighbours
- it would have no continuance, and it would be impractical.
- it is not feasible in the area due to location.
- we have been living in the house for more than 1 year with the current grading conditions.

See attached plan/sketch. - this is a dirt road without any pavement

I/We can be contacted at (248) 835 6477

Phone Number

DANIEL MURZA

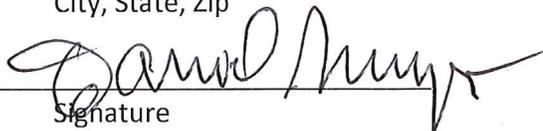
Name

2218 Tucker

Address

Troy, MI, 48085

City, State, Zip



Signature

PROPERTY OWNER
 Daniel M & Petru Murza
 2216 Tucker
 Troy, MI 48085
 248.835.6477

PLOT PLAN

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JOB NUMBER
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CITY OF TROY
 BUILDING DEPT.

#2218 Tucker PB2013-0891

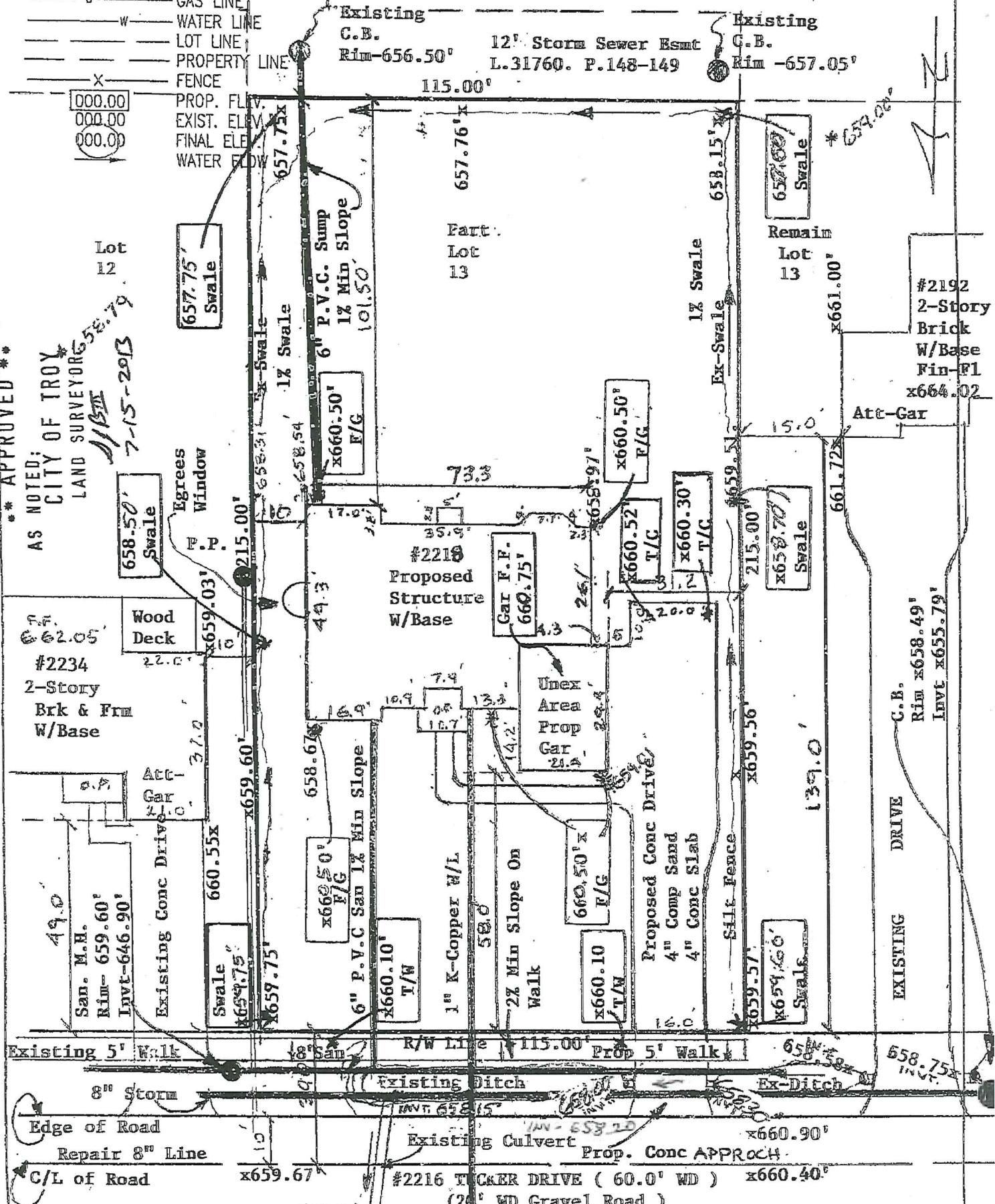
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LEGEND

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 - W — WATER LINE
 - — LOT LINE
 - — PROPERTY LINE
 - X — FENCE
- 000.00 PROP. FLY
 000.00 EXIST. ELEV.
 000.00 FINAL ELE.
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** APPROVED **
 AS NOTED:
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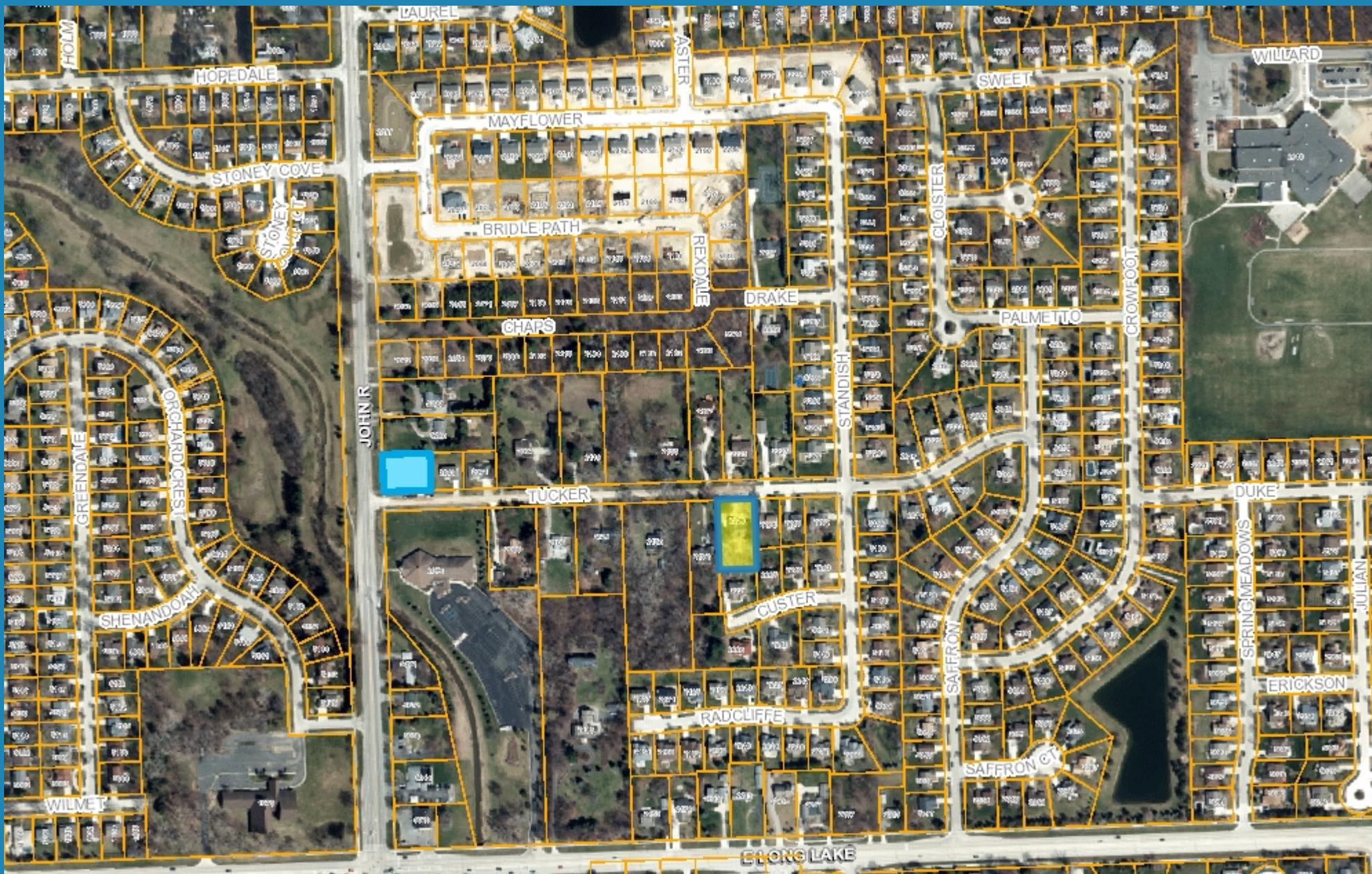
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Jack Durbin
 President



ORIGINAL R.H. 6-10-13/RH
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NOTE: THIS IS SUBJECT TO ANY EASEMENT OF RECORD AND OTHER PERTINENT FACTS WHICH A TITLE SEARCH MIGHT DISCLOSE



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TRAFFIC COMMITTEE REPORT

April 22, 2016

TO: Traffic Committee

FROM: Bill Huotari, Deputy City Engineer/ Traffic Engineer

SUBJECT: Brooklawn Court
Extend No Parking Restrictions

Background:

Russell Lewis of 1068 Brooklawn Court, requests that the No Parking zone be extended to encompass the area between Brooklawn and where the current No Parking zone begins on Brooklawn Court. The current no parking zone starts approximately 50 feet east of the sidewalk along Brooklawn and provides parking for two (2) vehicles.

This allows vehicles to park on both sides of Brooklawn Court at its entrance from Brooklawn. When vehicles park on both sides of Brooklawn Court it essentially creates a one-way street and larger vehicles or trucks have a difficult time entering onto Brooklawn Court.

This would leave approximately 80 feet of space available to park cars, on street, on the north side of Brooklawn Court (four (4) vehicles can fit in this area). The rest of the cul-de-sac would be posted No Parking.

The cul-de-sac area along Brooklawn Court was reviewed by the Traffic Committee at their meeting of May 16, 2012 (minutes attached). The Traffic Committee recommended that the existing No Parking zone be extended to encompass the entire Brooklawn Court cul-de-sac, ending at a point near the northeasterly edge of the driveway to 1080 Brooklawn Court. The recommendation was approved by City Council, a Traffic Control Order issued and the No Parking Ends sign was moved at that time.



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1. Roll Call

PRESENT: Sarah Binkowski
Richard Kilmer
David Ogg
Al Petruilis
Pete Ziegenfelder

ABSENT: John Diefenbaker
Ted Halsey

Also present: Charles & Linda Houff, 1072 Brooklawn Court
Russell & Tyra Lewis, 1068 Brooklawn Court
Stevan Popovic, 353 Hickory
Kathy Mooney, 2529 Coolidge
Lawrence Gjeldum, 2529 Coolidge
Jeanne Stine, 1915 Boulan
Lt. Robert Redmond, Troy Police Dept.
Bill Huotari, Deputy City Engineer/Traffic Engineer

2. Minutes – April 18, 2012

RESOLUTION # 2012-05-12

Moved by Kilmer
Seconded by Binkowski

To approve the April 18, 2012 minutes as printed.

YES: All-5
NO: None
ABSENT: 2 (Diefenbaker, Halsey)
MOTION CARRIED

REGULAR BUSINESS

3. Reconsideration – Remove No Parking Restrictions – Hickory, Plum to Kirkton

This item was originally considered at the April 18, 2012 Traffic Committee meeting but was tabled to allow for Traffic Engineering to provide information relative to the existing street width and questions of the US Post Office.

The street varies in width from 20.6' to 21.5'.

The Post Office would not consider moving the mail boxes to the north side based on:

1. The current locations have been in place for over 40 years.
2. The established line of delivery would have to be modified.
3. Residents would have to pay to move the mailboxes as the Post Office does not pay to move mailboxes.
4. The post office would require that all mailboxes along Hickory, from Livernois to the east end, be moved to the north side of the street, which would involve approximately 65 residents. They would not allow just this one section, between Plum and Kirkton, to move mailboxes to the north side while the remainder of the street remained on the south side.

Stevan Popovic of 353 Hickory requested that the No Parking restrictions on the south side of Hickory, from Plum to Kirkton be removed so that residents can park on one side of Hickory. The north side is posted No Parking due to fire hydrants. The south side of Hickory is posted No Parking from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday. The current No Parking zone on the south side was approved by Traffic Control Order #79-2-P and has been in place since April 16, 1979.

Mr. Popovic was present at the meeting and supports the removal of the No Parking zone on the south side of the street. In support of his request, Mr. Popovic provided information on existing street width as it compares to a large vehicle and fire truck. Mr. Popovic's calculations show that a standard fire truck could safely navigate past a parked Hummer H2 with approximately 6' of extra space. Mr. Popovic also discussed the petition that he had submitted at the April Traffic Committee meeting. The petition was signed by nine (9) of the seventeen (17) properties in support of removing the No Parking zone on the south side.

There were no other members of the public that addressed this item.

Mr. Kilmer noted that if cars park on the south side of Hickory and block the mailboxes, the postal carrier will not deliver mail.

Mr. Ogg commented regarding the existing No Parking zone on the north side and that residents from both sides of Hickory would park on the south side.

Ms. Binkowski commented that the majority of residents between Plum and Kirkton are in favor of removing the No Parking zone on the south side. Numerous streets allow parking on one side of the road, including the east end of Hickory, from Kirkton to the east end.

Mr. Petrusis commented on the current parking situation on Hickory.

Mr. Kilmer questioned what size emergency vehicles that the City uses and if they would be larger than the information presented by Mr. Popovic.

General discussion among the Traffic Committee members ensued.

RESOLUTION # 2012-05-12

Moved by Binkowski
Seconded by Ogg

RESOLVED, that the Traffic Committee recommends that the “No Parking” zone on the south side of Hickory, between Plum and Kirkton, be removed.

YES: 3 (Binkowski, Ogg, Petruilis)
NO: 1 (Kilmer)
ABSENT: 2 (Diefenbaker, Halsey)
MOTION CARRIED

4. Request to Establish No Parking Zone – Gloucester at Saint Alan Church

Reverend Donald Demmer, of Saint Alan Church at 3077 Gloucester, requested that a No Parking zone be established near the driveway to their parking lot on the south side of Gloucester.

Jeanne Stine of 1915 Boulan was present representing Saint Alan Church. Ms. Stine reports that there have been near collisions at the parking lot and Gloucester. Vision is obstructed by vehicles that park in close proximity to the driveway to the parking lot.

Kathy Mooney of 2529 Coolidge lives in the apartment complex directly to the north and has concerns about on-street parking availability for residents living in the apartments as well as times when they have guests. Ms. Mooney said that they have not had issues with the church.

Larry Gjeldum of 2529 spoke about the lack of parking availability at the apartment complex and the need to keep the parking as-is on Gloucester.

Ms. Stine stated that the church would allow residents to use the church parking lot for additional parking if needed.

There were no other members of the public that addressed this item.

Lt. Redmond was asked about posting an area adjacent to the driveway as No Parking and he agreed that it would provide for a safer situation in the area.

Mr. Kilmer pointed out that there are three access points to the parking lot, one from Gloucester and two from Coolidge.

A 25' No Parking zone versus a 15' No Parking zone was discussed. The 25' measurement would be based on typical corner clearance at an intersection and a 15' measurement was based on the distance required to park from a Stop sign.

General discussion among the Traffic Committee members ensued.

RESOLUTION # 2012-05-13

Moved by Binkowski
Seconded by Ogg

RESOLVED, that the Traffic Committee recommends that a “NO PARKING, TOW AWAY” zone be established on the south side of Gloucester, from the driveway to the Saint Alan Church parking lot to a point 15 feet west.

YES: 3 (Binkowski, Ogg, Ziegenfelder)

NO: 2 (Kilmer, Petrulis)

ABSENT: 2 (Diefenbaker, Halsey)

MOTION CARRIED

5. Request to Extend No Parking Zone – Brooklawn Court

Linda Houff of 1072 Brooklawn Court and Tyra Lewis of 1068 Brooklawn Court, requested that the No Parking zone in the cul-de-sac area be extended to cover the entire cul-de-sac. The current no parking zone starts midway along 1050 Brooklawn and ends approximately 2/3 of the way around the cul-de-sac at the property line between 1076 and 1080 Brooklawn Court.

Russell Lewis of 1068 Brooklawn Court supports extending the No Parking zone to encompass the entire cul-de-sac. Large delivery vehicles, garbage trucks, etc. cannot exit the cul-de-sac without driving over the island when the truck is parked near the end of the cul-de-sac.

Tyra Lewis of 1068 Brooklawn Court reports that damage to the island is continuous and the residents of the cul-de-sac must continually repair the island to keep the area looking good.

Linda Houff of 1072 Brooklawn reiterated that a vehicle parked at the end of the cul-de-sac creates an unsafe situation as it is difficult for a passenger vehicle to exit the cul-de-sac and near impossible for a large vehicle such as a UPS or garbage truck. In addition, the situation is made much worse in the winter when snow encroaches on the road and makes the passable area even smaller.

Charles Houff of 1072 Brooklawn stated that he has talked with the resident who parks a truck at this location in the past with no success. He requests that the No Parking Ends sign be moved to encompass the entire cul-de-sac.

There were no other members of the public that addressed this item.

Lt. Redmund did have the opportunity to drive this area and the truck was parked near the end of the cul-de-sac and Lt. Redmund reports that it is very difficult to navigate around the end of the cul-de-sac and avoid driving over the island area.

General discussion among the Traffic Committee members ensued.

RESOLUTION # 2012-05-14

Moved by Binkowski
Seconded by Petrulis

RESOLVED, that the Traffic Committee recommends that the existing No Parking zone be extended to encompass the entire Brooklawn Court cul-de-sac, ending at a point near the northeasterly edge of the driveway to 1080 Brooklawn Court.

YES: 3 (Binkowski, Ogg, Petrulis)
NO: 1 (Kilmer)
ABSENT: 2 (Diefenbaker, Halsey)
MOTION CARRIED

6. Public Comment

There was no additional public comment.

7. Other Business

Mr. Ziegenfelder reports that a bush at the southwest corner of Niagara and Eagle, on private property, creates a sight distance obstruction. In addition, the grass at 2137 Niagara is very high. Traffic Engineering will forward the concerns to Code Enforcement for investigation.

Mr. Kilmer reports that the traffic counter tubes are still out on Hickory. Traffic Engineering will remove the tubes as soon as possible.

8. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Pete Ziegenfelder, Chairperson

Bill Huotari, Recording Secretary