A regular meeting of the Troy Traffic Committee was held Wednesday, May 18, 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 Petrulis
Mitch Huber
Richard Kilmer
Pete Ziegenfelder

Absent: David Easterbrook
Cynthia Wilsher
Katie Regan (Student Representative)

Also present: Liz Fallert, 1076 Brooklawn
Mike Johnson, 450 E. Square Lake
Don Hill, 1116 Torpey
Daniel Murza, 2218 Tucker
Lt. Eric Caloia, Fire Department
Sgt. Mike Szuminski, Police Department
Bill Huotari, Deputy City Engineer/Traffic Engineer

2. Minutes – April 13, 2016

Resolution # 2016-05-16
Moved by Kilmer
Seconded by Brandstetter

To approve the April 13, 2016 minutes as printed.

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

MOTION CARRIED

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*".

Mr. Johnson was present at the meeting and stated that the request for a sidewalk waiver is along the Larchwood side only. He will be constructing a new eight (8) foot wide sidewalk

along the Rochester Road frontage of 2090 and 2120 Rochester Road as part of new home construction. A sidewalk along Larchwood would lead to nowhere and connect to nothing.

Traffic Engineering did receive one (1) email in support of a waiver of the sidewalk along Larchwood.

The Traffic Committee had previously approved a sidewalk waiver for 2060 Rochester Road which is the property immediately to the south of the subject parcel on the opposite side of Larchwood.

Mr. Brandstetter asked about the requirement for eight (8) foot wide sidewalk along major roads.

Mr. Petrulis agrees with the applicant that a sidewalk along Larchwood would lead to nowhere and connect to nothing. We should be consistent with the previous waiver.

Mr. Huber supports sidewalk installation at all locations. He believes that sidewalk would be a good connection to Rochester Road and the school.

Mr. Ziegenfelder also supports sidewalk at all locations.

Mr. Brandstetter asked what school Mr. Huber was referencing. The school in question is Morse Elementary on the north side of Robinwood, west of Rochester Road. Mr. Brandstetter continued that there is not a crossing in the area that would provide a reasonably safe crossing of Rochester Road from Larchwood to Morse Elementary.

Mr. Kilmer stated that a sidewalk on Larchwood would not go anywhere as it is a dead end with no interior connections.

Mr. Petrulis stated that a sidewalk waiver was granted for 2060 Rochester Road (on the south side of Larchwood) and this request [2090 Rochester Road] is on the north side, so for consistency, a sidewalk waiver should be granted for 2090 Rochester Road.

Resolution # 2016-05-17
Moved by Kilmer
Seconded by Petrulis

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.

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

MOTION CARRIED

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 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; and this is a dirt road without any pavement*".

Mr. Murza was present at the meeting and discussed the reasons for his request for a sidewalk waiver. He pointed out that Tucker is a gravel road, west of the EVA. DPW recommended that no sidewalk be installed. Drainage is by ditch in this area and would have to drain over the sidewalk to get to the ditch. The water shut off valve was installed in the area where the sidewalk is to be constructed. The sidewalk would cross his gravel drive and end at a tree at the end of his property. There is no sidewalk to the west on Tucker except for by the church near John R.

Mr. Kilmer asked about the reason why a sidewalk waiver was required. This was a new home construction that met the criteria under the Ordinance for sidewalk across the frontage. During final grade approval it was noted that no sidewalk had been constructed or a sidewalk waiver approved, so the applicant was required to either construct the sidewalk or proceed with the sidewalk waiver process.

Mr. Ziegenfelder discussed that there is sidewalk to the east that this sidewalk would connect to. He is, in general, in favor of sidewalks.

Mr. Kilmer noted that there are no other sidewalks along the gravel portion of Tucker, except for the aforementioned sidewalk at the church near John R.

Mr. Huber asked about the EVA. Copies of minutes from the previous Traffic Committee meeting where this was discussed will be forwarded to Mr. Huber for his review.

Mr. Brandstetter stated that a sidewalk would make sense if and when Tucker is paved.

Resolution # 2016-05-18
Moved by Kilmer
Seconded by Petrulis

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, Daniel Murza 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 2218 Tucker (Sidwell #88-20-12-351-040).

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

MOTION CARRIED

REGULAR BUSINESS

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.

There were no residents in attendance that spoke in favor of revising the parking zones.

Liz Fallert of 1076 Brooklawn was in attendance and opposed any additional changes to the parking areas on Brooklawn Court. Ms. Fallert explained that there are only 4 or 5 spaces in total available for on street parking on Brooklawn Court currently and prohibiting parking as requested would reduce parking down to about 3 spaces. Most of the homes on the court are single driveways and finding a place to park currently can be challenging let alone if the parking areas are reduced.

Traffic Engineering did also receive an email from Elaine Stelkic of 1080 Brooklawn Court opposed to revisions to parking along Brooklawn Court.

Lt. Caloia was asked if a fire truck could access the court if vehicles were parked on both sides. He answered in the affirmative if the cars were legally parked.

Mr. Brandstetter discussed that there are not a lot of vehicles traveling in/out of the court as there are only eight (8) homes. Of these eight (8) homes, at least two (2) residents oppose changes and only one (1) resident supports changes to the parking areas.

Resolution # 2016-05-19
Moved by Brandstetter
Seconded by Kilmer

RESOLVED, that No Changes be made to the parking areas on Brooklawn Court.

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

MOTION CARRIED

6. I-75 Modernization Design Guide

Discussion of the upcoming I-75 mega project, design guidelines and general project information.

7. Public Comment

There was no additional public comment made.

8. Other Business

There was no other business brought forward.

9. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Pete Ziegenfelder, Chairperson

Bill Huotari, Deputy City Engineer/Traffic Engineer

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