

## **AGENDA**

### **Traffic Committee Meeting**

**July 20, 2016 – 7:30 P.M.**

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

1. Roll Call
2. Minutes – June 15, 2016

### **REGULAR BUSINESS**

3. Request for No Parking Zone – North side of Stirling, east of John R
4. Request for No Parking Zone – West side of Delaware, south of McManus
5. Public Comment
6. Other Business
7. Adjourn

cc: Item 3: Lynn Pung, 6660 John R  
Properties within 300'

Item 4: Dave Lovio, 971 Portsmouth  
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.

**REGULAR BUSINESS**

**3. Request for No Parking Zone – 6660 John R – South side of Stirling, east of John R**

Lynn Pung of 6660 John R requests that a No Parking zone be created on the south side of Stirling, along her northerly property line. Residents, landscapers, general public, etc. have been parking in this area and Ms. Pung is concerned for her safety, privacy and utilization of her property.

**SUGGESTED RESOLUTIONS:**

- a. RESOLVED, that a NO PARKING zone be ESTABLISHED on the south side of Stirling, from the John R ROW to the east property line of 6660 John R.
- b. RESOLVED, that **NO CHANGE** be made at 6660 John R.

**4. Request for No Parking Zone – 3557 Delaware – West side of Delaware, south of McManus**

Dave Lovio of 971 Portsmouth requests that a NO PARKING zone be established on the west side of Delaware, from the southern edge of the sidewalk to a point approximately 20' to the south. Mr. Lovio reports that vehicles, landscape contractors, etc. park very close to the intersection creating a vision obstruction for vehicles turning and/or passing through the intersection of Delaware at McManus.

**SUGGESTED RESOLUTIONS:**

- a. RESOLVED, that a NO PARKING zone be **ESTABLISHED** on the west side of Delaware, from the southern edge of the sidewalk ramp at the corner of Delaware and McManus to a point approximately twenty (20) feet to the south.
- b. RESOLVED, that **NO CHANGE** be made at the intersection of Delaware and McManus.

**5. Public Comment**

**6. Other Business**

**7. Adjourn**

A regular meeting of the Troy Traffic Committee was held Wednesday, June 15, 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: Mitch Huber  
Richard Kilmer  
Al Petrusis  
Cynthia Wilsher  
Pete Ziegenfelder  
Katie Regan (Student Representative)

Absent: Tim Brandstetter  
David Easterbrook

Also present: Brad Pearsall, 4421 Forsyth  
Bob Schumann, 4321 Forsyth  
Mary Lawitzke, 127 Redwood  
John & Carol Taylor, 4165 Forsyth  
Dale Brown, 4333 Forsyth  
Michael Laree, 4232 Forsyth  
Les Marhoff, 4229 Forsyth  
Karen Edwards, 4141 Forsyth  
Kevin Rose, 824 Wesley  
Mirela & Emanuel Balmus, 4476 Forsyth  
Lt. Eric Caloia, Fire Department  
Sgt. Mike Szuminski, Police Department  
Bill Huotari, Deputy City Engineer/Traffic Engineer

**2. Minutes – May 18, 2016**

Resolution # 2016-06-20  
Moved by Kilmer  
Seconded by Petrusis

To approve the May 18, 2016 minutes as printed.

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**REGULAR BUSINESS**

**3. Request for Traffic Control – Wesley at Newton**

Mr. James Ferden of 839 Wesley states that the lack of existing traffic control at the intersection of Wesley at Newton 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. Ferden states that the intersection is also a Troy School District bus stop.

Mr. Kevin Rose of 824 Wesley was in attendance at the meeting and questioned what traffic control was proposed and why was it being proposed. Mr. Rose does not support a Yield sign and does not see a need for it.

Mr. Petrusis stated that there are Yield signs on Newton at the next two intersections and questioned whether another Yield sign would make a difference. He is not clear why it is needed.

Mr. Ziegenfelder is in support of traffic control at all intersections. He supports a Yield sign rather than an implied yield when no signs exist at an intersection.

Sgt. Szuminski looks at the request as an issue of consistency. There is a Yield sign at Keats, so the lack of a sign here may imply that traffic does not need to Yield. The curve to the east, on Wesley, creates limited sight distance. Police support the installation of a Yield sign.

Ms. Wilsher stated that she supports the installation of a Yield sign.

One (1) email was received in opposition to any traffic control signage at the intersection.

Resolution # 2016-06-21  
Moved by Kilmer  
Seconded by Wilsher

RESOLVED, that the intersection of Wesley at Newton be **MODIFIED** from NO traffic control to a YIELD sign on the Newton Drive southbound approach to the intersection.

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**4. Request for No Parking Zone – Redwood**

Kelly Broderick of 169 Redwood requests that a No Parking zone be established or re-established on Redwood, between the existing NO PARKING HERE TO CORNER sign on southbound Redwood to a previously existing NO PARKING sign near the driveway to 169 Redwood. Ms. Broderick provided a picture of a NO PARKING sign that was installed in front of her home years ago, but she states that it was hit by a drunk driver and never replaced.

Ms. Mary Lawitzke of 127 Redwood was in attendance at the meeting and was in support of a No Parking zone at the corner. She stated that when vehicles park in and around the corner it creates a hazardous situation. A driver's view is obstructed and she has experienced vehicles having to drive in the center of the road to get around parked cars.

Mr. Petrulis asked for clarification on the existing No Parking Here to Corner sign on Redwood, north of the intersection. There was no Traffic Control Order (TCO) that could be found when records were reviewed, so the request to post this area will also clean up this matter by issuing a TCO for the north-south and east-west area.

Ms. Wilsher stated that her daughter lives in this area and she drives here frequently. There are many cars parked in the street. She has noticed a truck that parks at the corner and it blocks visibility around the corner creating a hazardous situation.

Mr. Petrulis stated that the corner is very tight when vehicles park on the corner.

Three (3) emails were received in support of a No Parking zone at the corner.

Resolution # 2016-06-22

Moved by Wilsher

Seconded by Huber

RESOLVED, that a NO PARKING zone be **ESTABLISHED** approximately forty (40) feet north of the intersection on southbound Redwood and ending at the driveway to 169 Redwood on eastbound Redwood.

Yes: Huber, Kilmer, Petrulis, Wilsher, Ziegenfelder

No: None

Absent: Brandstetter, Easterbrook

**MOTION CARRIED**

**5. Residential Speed Control – Forsyth, North of Wattles**

At the January 20, 2016 Traffic Committee meeting, a discussion took place regarding speeding on Forsyth, north of Wattles. The Traffic Committee recommended:

- That two (2) 25 mph speed limit signs, in each direction, be approved for installation on northbound and southbound Forsyth, between Wattles and Hill Elementary; and
- That the Troy Police Department provide extra enforcement on Forsyth when not on higher priority calls; and
- That a follow up speed study be conducted in May 2016 to review the results of the new signage and police enforcement on Forsyth. The resulting speed study is to be brought back to the Traffic Committee at the June 2016 meeting.

OHM Advisors conducted a follow up speed study on May 3, 2016 through May 9, 2016. The follow up speed study revealed that the violation rate has dropped from 82% to 62% in the northbound direction and from 83% to 70% in the southbound direction. The 85<sup>th</sup>

percentile speed dropped from 35 mph to 32 mph in the northbound direction and 36 mph to 33 mph in the southbound direction. These results confirm an improvement in the compliance rate with the posted 25 mph speed limit.

While there is still a group of individuals that are driving at higher than desirable speeds, the overall number of vehicles driving at higher speeds has decreased. The recommendations made at the January meeting have made an impact. It will be a continuous effort to educate new drivers due to turnover at Hill Elementary. It is anticipated that another study will be conducted in the fall to check how these measures hold up with a new group of students/parents at the school.

Mr. Dale Brown of 4333 Forsyth stated that there has been an improvement in speeds since January when this item was previously discussed. Mr. Brown said he wanted to thank Sgt. Szuminski for the effort made by Troy Police. He said Sgt. Szuminski did everything he said he would and more. Mr. Brown asked that there be a continued police presence as drivers are more likely to drive the speed limit when then police are present. He has witnessed drivers passing the school bus when it is stopped.

Mr. Brad Pearsall of 4421 Forsyth agreed that there was a definite difference in driver behavior when the police were present. He questioned if the school can direct parents to avoid parking on Forsyth during events. He asked about the posting of Forsyth as a school zone and if the school zone can be extended. [The north end of Forsyth is posted as a School Zone currently, but Traffic Engineering will review the markings and area to see if there are opportunities to increase visibility and/or improve on the markings or signing].

Sgt. Szuminski spoke to the frequency of placing the radar trailer. Troy Police have two (2) radar trailers and they are used throughout the city. He stated that the radar trailer would be moved to Forsyth when it is available.

Mr. Michael Laree of 4232 Forsyth stated that the additional signs have helped bring down speeds. He also agreed that when the police are on site that speeds decrease significantly. He believes that there is still a problem at night. He is also concerned about people walking in the street due to the lack of sidewalks along Forsyth.

Carol Taylor of 4165 Forsyth spoke about people speeding even when school is not in session. She added that kids ride their bikes from the newer subdivision to the west and jump over a sidewalk on the corner and land near Forsyth.

Sgt. Szuminski discussed how residents can report an aggressive driver to the police department. Police cannot issue a ticket based on their report, but can and will send a letter and/or stop by to talk to the registered owner of the vehicle. Sgt. Szuminski reiterated that he will make getting the radar trailer out on Forsyth a priority.

Sue Schumann of 4321 Forsyth questioned whether Troy Police will respond to a resident report as she stated she was told that Troy Police could not act on this type of situation. Sgt. Szuminski clarified that Troy Police cannot issue a ticket based on a resident calling in, but that they will and do notify the registered vehicle owner or go out and speak with them.

Les Marhoff of 4229 Forsyth stated that the entire road cannot be a school zone.

Discussion by the Traffic Committee members ensued.

There was no action taken on this item pending another speed study in September when school is back in session. Options that may be used in other areas of the country are to be considered.

**6. Public Comment**

There was no additional public comment made.

**7. Other Business**

There was no other business brought forward.

**8. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

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Pete Ziegenfelder, Chairperson

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Bill Huotari, Deputy City Engineer/Traffic Engineer

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## TRAFFIC COMMITTEE REPORT

June 27, 2016

TO: Traffic Committee

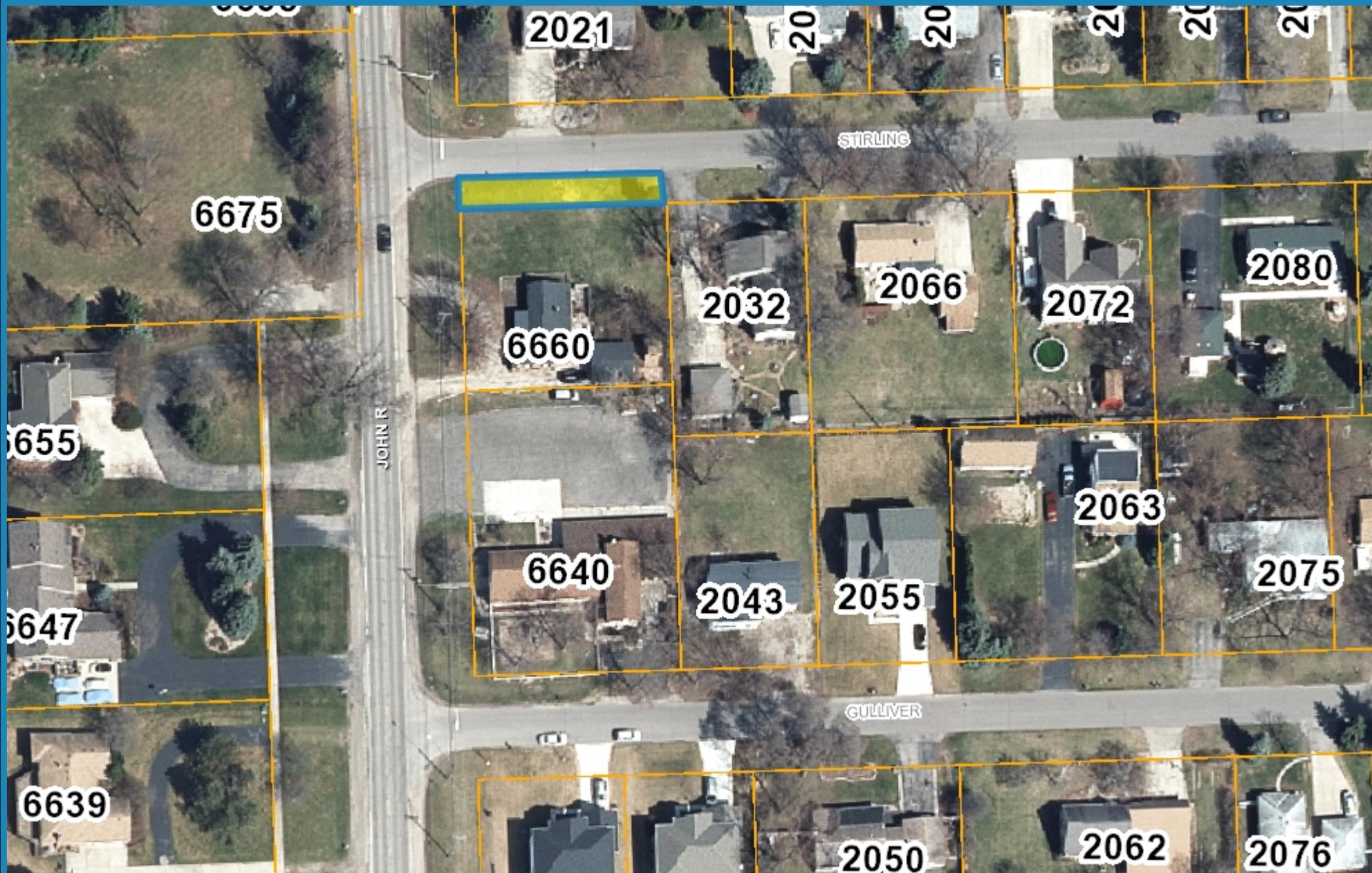
FROM: Bill Huotari, Deputy City Engineer/ Traffic Engineer

SUBJECT: Request for No Parking Zone  
6660 John R – South side of Stirling, east of John R

Background:

Ms. Lynn Pung of 6660 John R requests that a No Parking zone be created on the south side of Stirling, along her northerly property line. Residents, landscapers, general public, etc. have been parking in this area and Ms. Pung is concerned for her safety, privacy and utilization of her property.

Attached is a letter she sent to the Planning Department for a Variance Request for a fence which describes the issues she is having on her property in more detail.



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4/11/16

Mitch Grusnick, Building Official/Code Inspector  
Paul Evans, Zoning & Compliance Specialist  
City of Troy – Planning Department  
500 W. Big Beaver  
Troy, MI 48084

Dear Mitch Grusnick, Paul Evans and Members of the Building Code Board of Appeals,

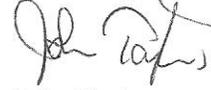
Please accept our appeal for a Variance Request of a six foot privacy fence on our double front corner lot at John R and Stirling roads. We would like to place this fence 20' in from Stirling and approximately 55-60' off John R, not obstructing any traffic views in any direction and not encroaching on any City easement. We are asking to install this 6' privacy fence for the hardship reasons of safety, privacy and utilization of our property.

Safety and privacy being the first and foremost reasons. Because of the location of our house on our property we have most of our land between our house and Stirling and people see this as an empty lot and use it as such. People park on our lot and talk on their cell phones, eat lunch or whatever they feel like doing. Some actually get out and walk around on our property. These are usually men and I am home by myself a large part of the week (in any other part of any neighborhood this would be 100% considered "stranger danger" or "suspicious vehicle"). I have found myself face to face with a strange man before when walking out my own back door, have caught a man relieving himself in one of our bushes in the backyard, a couple once parked on our lot and went across the street to have a picnic and in the spring and summer months, church busses pulling off the road onto our property to drop off and pick up canvassers. We have people on foot cutting through our yard looking directly into our kitchen window. It is very uncomfortable (not to mention unsafe) to have somebody unknown to us park and/or walk in our yard. In a week, on average, we can have 7-8 cars parking/sitting and on average 6-10, sometimes more especially in the summer months, people cutting through our yard directly up to our house. We have had gardens trampled, ornamentals and vegetables stolen, garbage left and our dog told to shut up because he was barking at someone in his own yard. No trespassing signs, private property signs and ornamental obstacles do not stop this. Because our side yard (Stirling front) is our most abundant space to utilize for things such as a pool, vegetable garden, children playing, etc. and for safety and privacy purposes we ask for a variance to allow us to install a 6' privacy fence along this area so we can comfortably enjoy our yard. (Please see attached Fence Permit Application)

Thank you for your consideration,



Lynn Pung



John Taylor

6660 John R.



## TRAFFIC COMMITTEE REPORT

June 27, 2016

TO: Traffic Committee

FROM: Bill Huotari, Deputy City Engineer/ Traffic Engineer

SUBJECT: Request for No Parking Zone  
3557 Delaware – West side of Delaware, south of McManus

Background:

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There has been one (1) crash at this intersection in the past five (5) years and it occurred in front of 3607 Delaware, north of the subject location.



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