A regular meeting of the Troy Traffic Committee was held Wednesday, January 16, 2013 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: Sarah Binkowski
Richard Kilmer
David Ogg
Al Petrulis
Stevan Popovic
Pete Ziegenfelder

ABSENT: Ted Halsey

Also present: Martha Loftus, 6255 Sandy Point
Barbara Stevens, 6247 Sandy Point
Tim Brandstetter, 5175 Wright
Paul & Pam Messano, 6205 Sandy Point
Sgt. Mike Szuminski, Troy Police Dept.
Bill Huotari, Deputy City Engineer/Traffic Engineer

## 2. Minutes – November 14, 2012

**RESOLUTION # 2013-01-01**

Moved by Kilmer
Seconded by Petrulis

To approve the November 14, 2012 minutes as printed.

YES: All-6
NO: None
ABSENT: Halsey
MOTION CARRIED

**REGULAR BUSINESS**

## 3. Request to Extend No Parking Restrictions – Sandy Point

Barbara Stevens of 6247 Sandy Point 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 at her westerly property line and extends around the cul-de-sac and out to Emerald Lake. Approximately, 2/3 of the cul-de-sac is currently posted as No Parking.

Traffic Engineering received two (2) emails from James and Meg Cheek of 6221 Sandy

Point opposing an increase in the no parking zone. Mr. Cheek states that there is a lack of parking currently for family and friends. People would have to park along Emerald Lake Drive which is a busier street and a longer walk to their home. Mr. Cheek is concerned about the safety of people walking in the road since there are no sidewalks in the area. Ms. Cheek reiterated that there is already a lack of parking in the area and this would exacerbate the issue.

**Residents, at the meeting, in support of changing the no parking zone:**

Barbara Stevens of 6247 Sandy Point spoke in favor of extending the no parking zone. She has concerns when a vehicle parks in the current location between her driveway and the start of the no parking zone as it creates difficulties for her backing out of her driveway. She has difficulties in bringing garbage out to the curb when a vehicle is parked near her driveway as she must perform this task with her vehicle due to physical limitations. She also stated that during fall cleanup grass and leafs are blocked by parked vehicles and may not be picked up.

Martha Loftus of 6255 Sandy Point spoke in support of Ms. Stevens. Ms. Loftus has watched Ms. Stevens struggle to back out of her driveway and navigate around the cul-de-sac when a vehicle parks in the area.

**Residents, at the meeting, opposing a change to the no parking zone:**

Paul Messano of 6205 Sandy Point spoke in opposition to increasing the area encumbered by a no parking zone. He stated that there is a lack of parking already and that there is generally no one parking in the cul-de-sac in the morning when the garbage is typically collected. Mr. Messano discussed the hard ship for the house at the end of the cul-de-sac which has a one car driveway due to the lake front property. Mr. Messano stated that there is approximately 40' from Ms. Stevens driveway to the start of the no parking zone and there should be sufficient room for Ms. Stevens to back straight out of her driveway along the island in the cul-de-sac and then proceed out to Emerald Lake.

**During rebuttal, by residents in support of changing the no parking zone, the following items were discussed:**

Ms. Stevens stated that she has no problems pulling out of her driveway when there are no vehicles parked in the area.

Ms. Loftus stated that vehicles may park very close to Ms. Stevens driveway which causes the issue. She feels that extending the no parking zone to the west side of Ms. Stevens driveway is reasonable.

**Rebuttal, by the residents opposed to changing the no parking zone, followed:**

Mr. Messano stated that Ms. Stevens can pull straight out of her driveway and rather than reversing into the cul-de-sac that she should continue straight back along the island to a

point where she can then safely complete her turn to Sandy Point and go out to Emerald Lake.

Pam Messano of 6205 Sandy Point added that there have been vehicles that have parked in the areas currently posted as no parking. She was directed to call the police if someone was parking illegally. Ms. Messano asked about allowing parking on the south side of Sandy Point between the cul-de-sac and Emerald Lake. This was discussed but could create and issue if there were parking allowed on both sides of Sandy Point between the cul-de-sac and Emerald Lake.

**Traffic Committee member discussion:**

Mr. Ziegenfelder asked for clarification as to how far from the driveway the vehicles have parked. Ms. Stevens responded that at times they have parked as close as five (5) feet from her driveway. Mr. Ziegenfelder asked Officer Szuminski what the legal requirement is relative to parking at a driveway. Officer Szuminski responded that you cannot park in such a fashion that the driveway is blocked.

Mr. Kilmer commented regarding vehicles parking too close to the driveway.

Mr. Petrulis asked if the same vehicle was parked at this location every day. Ms. Stevens stated that it had been parking there frequently until she had initiated her request. She stated that the vehicle has been parking in a driveway more often but Ms. Stevens is concerned that the issue may arise in the future.

Mr. Petrulis asked about reversing or making a "mirror image" of the no parking zone since the fire hydrant is in the island and it would restrict parking in front of Ms. Stevens property and allow parking at 6221 Sandy Point out to Emerald Lake Drive. No parking would start at Emerald Lake Drive and Sandy Point and continue westerly along Sandy Point and then counterclockwise around the cul-de-sac, approximately 2/3 of the way, to a point approximately between 6231 and 6221 Sandy Point.

Parking would therefore be allowed from approximately the west property line of 6221 Sandy Point to Emerald Lake Drive (along the south side of Sandy Point).

Residents at the meeting thought that this was a reasonable solution and would provide for the resolution that Ms. Stevens desired while still allowing parking in the cul-de-sac. All residents in attendance at the meeting supported this solution. [This proposal was subsequently shared with the residents at 6221 Sandy Point as they had contacted Traffic Engineering with concerns on the original proposal. The residents thought that this was a reasonable solution and a good outcome for them].

**RESOLUTION # 2013-01-02**

Moved by Petrulis
Seconded by Binkowski

**RESOLVED**, that the Traffic Committee recommends that the no parking zone on Sandy Point be revised to start at Emerald Lake Drive and Sandy Point and continue to the west to the cul-de-sac and then counterclockwise around the cul-de-sac, approximately 2/3 of the way, to a point approximately between 6231 and 6221 Sandy Point.

YES: 5
NO: None
ABSENT: Halsey
MOTION CARRIED

## 4. Public Comment

Mr. Messano reports that the traffic signal at Square Lake and Livernois is not providing sufficient green time for eastbound and westbound Square Lake traffic. Traffic Engineering will forward the concern to the Road Commission for Oakland County for investigation.

## 5. Other Business

The Traffic Engineer provided a brief status update on the Rochester/Stephenson No Right Turn on Red signs. A mail poll was conducted of businesses in the immediate area of the signs as well as residents of the Troy Mobile Home Villa. Approximately 25% of cards sent out were returned with 78% of respondents in favor of removing the signs at Old Rochester to southbound Stephenson. Approximately 63% of respondents were in favor of removing the signs at the double cross over from southbound Stephenson to northbound Stephenson.

A traffic study is underway to review traffic volumes, crash history, etc. at these locations and it is anticipated that the study will provided to the Traffic Committee in February.

## 6. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Pete Ziegenfelder, Chairperson

Bill Huotari, Recording Secretary

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