A regular meeting of the Troy Traffic Committee was held Wednesday, April 17, 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: Ted Halsey
Richard Kilmer
David Ogg
Al Petrulis
Pete Ziegenfelder

ABSENT: Sarah Binkowski
Stevan Popovic

Also present: Joe Maniaci, 50215 Schoenherr, Shelby Township, MI 48315
Bill Huotari, Deputy City Engineer/Traffic Engineer

2. **Minutes – March 20, 2013**

RESOLUTION # 2013-04-06

Moved by Halsey
Seconded by Kilmer

To approve the March 20, 2013 minutes as printed.

YES: All-5
NO: None
ABSENT: Binkowski, Popovic
MOTION CARRIED

REGULAR BUSINESS

3. **Request for Sidewalk Waiver – West side of Beach Road, south of Long Lake**

Joe Maniaci requests a waiver of the sidewalk required along the west side of Beach Road, south of Long Lake, abutting the property of the proposed Beachview Estates development (Parcel # 88-20-18-127-012).

The Department of Public Work recommends denial of this waiver request per the attached memo from the Director and Superintendent of Parks, Streets and Drains.

Petitioner states that "the impact of installing a sidewalk will mandate the removal of some long established trees and diminish the aesthetics along Beach Road". Mr. Maniaci also

stated that tree removals would be significant and the majority of Beach does not have sidewalk.

Mr. Ziegendfelder asked about interior sidewalks within the development [yes, there will be sidewalk within the development itself]. Mr. Ziegenfelder believes that sidewalks should be installed as over time they will connect to something.

Mr. Halsey stated that the only way sidewalks would be constructed on Beach is when residents desire them and pay for them.

Mr. Petrulis uses Beach all the time and does not see a need for sidewalks on this section as most of Beach does not have sidewalks.

Mr. Ogg stated that the corridor is already very tight.

Traffic Engineering did receive one (1) call from a resident who was opposed to the waiver on the grounds that any new development should be required to install sidewalk as over time sidewalks would be located throughout the City.

There were no members of the public at the meeting, other than the petitioner.

RESOLUTION # 2013-04-07

Moved by Halsey
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, Joe Maniaci has requested a waiver of the requirement to construct sidewalk on the property because there are no other sidewalks in the area and the impact of installing a sidewalk will mandate the removal of some long established trees and diminish the aesthetics along Beach Road; 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 for the property along the west side of Beach Road, south of Long Lake, abutting the property of the proposed Beachview Estates development (Parcel # 88-20-18-127-012), which is owned by Joe Maniaci.

YES: 4 (Halsey, Kilmer, Ogg, Petrulis,)
NO: 1 (Ziegenfelder)
ABSENT: Binkowski, Popovic
MOTION CARRIED

4. Public Comment

There were no members of the public at the meeting.

5. Other Business

Mr. Halsey reports that the wait time at the traffic signal at Maple and Heide is excessive. Traffic Engineering will forward the concern to the RCOC.

6. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Pete Ziegenfelder, Chairperson

Bill Huotari, Recording Secretary

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