

A regular meeting of the Troy Traffic Committee was held Wednesday, July 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: Sarah Binkowski
Ted Halsey
Richard Kilmer
Al Petrusis
Pete Ziegenfelder

ABSENT: Stevan Popovic

Also present: Mary Lynn & Adam M. Bowen, 3888 Gatwick Drive
William & Gail Wilde, 2412 Wembley
Don Wanner, Wanner Prop., LLC, PO Box 81212, Rochester, MI 48308
Bill Huotari, Deputy City Engineer/Traffic Engineer

2. Minutes – June 19, 2013

RESOLUTION # 2013-07-10

Moved by Halsey
Seconded by Kilmer

To approve the June 19, 2013 minutes as printed.

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

REGULAR BUSINESS

3. Request for Sidewalk Waiver on John R Road abutting the property located in the John Arbor Subdivision (Parcel # 88-20-01-112-014)

Item #3 and #4 were addressed at the same time by the petitioner and the Committee.

Donald Wanner spoke at the meeting and reiterated his request for a waiver of the sidewalk required on John R Road abutting the property located in the John Arbor Subdivision (Parcel #88-20-01-112-014).

Petitioner stated that while the sidewalk can be installed with the building of the homes, the road construction on John R may damage, require removal or even change grade in

final grading”.

Mr. Wanner, as the builder, is requesting that the sidewalk be waived and he will provide the city a check in the amount of \$5,308.00 for the future construction of the sidewalk. These funds would be transferred to the Capital Fund and applied to the future widening and reconstruction project.

The John R widening and reconstruction project is anticipated to begin in the winter of 2015/16 and will construct a new 5-lane road with eight (8) foot wide sidewalks between Square Lake and South Boulevard.

Mr. Ziegenfelder reiterated his support for sidewalks at all locations in the City.

Mr. Kilmer asked about the John R schedule and funding. The projects are currently in final design and it is still undecided if both projects will be bid and constructed as one large construction project or if they will be built one mile at a time starting in the winter of 2015. Funding is approved for John R, Long Lake to Square Lake in 2015 and for John R, Square Lake to South Boulevard in 2016.

Mr. Halsey discussed the cash in escrow to be deposited by the builder. The builder will deposit \$5,308.00 with the City and these funds will be transferred to the Capital fund to offset the cost of the sidewalk when built with the road project.

Ms. Binkowski asked about utility relocations. There will be significant utility relocations as part of the road reconstruction and proposed locations have not been identified by the individual utility companies at this time.

General discussion of the sidewalk waiver process followed.

There were no other members of the public that made comments.

RESOLUTION # 2013-07-11

Moved by Halsey
Seconded by Kilmer

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, Donald Wanner has requested a waiver of the requirement to construct sidewalk due to the future John R widening project; 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 on John R Road abutting the property located in the John Arbor Subdivision (Parcel #88-20-01-112-014), contingent upon the submittal of cash or a check in the amount of \$5,308.00 by the applicant.

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

4. Request for Sidewalk Waiver on John R Road abutting the property located in the John Arbor Subdivision (Parcel # 88-20-01-112-016)

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RESOLUTION # 2013-07-12

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Seconded by Kilmer

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

5. Request for No Parking Zone – Beach Road, east side, from the south property line of 2412 Wembley to the north property line of 2412 Wembley.

The City of Troy Parks Division requests that a No Parking Zone be established along the east side of Beach Road, from the south property line of 2412 Wembley to the north property line of 2412 Wembley.

The entrance to Schroeder Park is a natural area and not well identified for individuals who may not be familiar with the area. Often cars park along the east side of Beach Road, blocking the entrance to the park which prevents the Parks Division from gaining access.

William Wilde of 2412 Wembley spoke in opposition to the change. Mr. Wilde has concerns relative to the use of the park. Ever since the entrance to the park was created there has been an issue with people parking on Beach Road. Mr. Wilde believes that there could be a better entrance to the park for residents as well as the City's tree and grass cutting contractors. Currently, large equipment is brought in to the park site from the end of the cul-de-sac adjacent to the park. He thought that if a No Parking zone was to be established that the entire street should be posted as No Parking to avoid moving the issue further to the north or south.

Mr. Kilmer has been to the site on a few occasions and asked about a red truck that parks in the area (it was identified as a neighbors vehicle).

Mr. Petrulis stated that there are three (3) entrances to the park from Beach and asked why they could not be utilized.

Mr. Halsey asked if DPW could work with the Troy School District to secure access from the school property. Mr. Halsey also asked if the No Parking zone should be for a larger area.

Parks Division representatives were not in attendance at the meeting. Due to the fact that several questions could not be answered and the opposition from Mr. Wilde who is directly across from the requested No Parking Zone, the item was tabled until the September Traffic Committee meeting or until a staff member responsible for the park could be in attendance at a future Traffic Committee meeting.

RESOLUTION # 2013-07-13

Moved by Binkowski

Seconded by Kilmer

RESOLVED, that the Traffic Committee tables the item until the September 18, 2013 meeting or until a staff member responsible for park maintenance can be in attendance.

YES: 5
NO: None
ABSENT: Popovic
MOTION CARRIED

5. Public Comment

Mary Lynn Bowen had questions about various topics including the 7-11 at Crooks and Wattles and Tim Hortons on southbound Rochester, across from Torpey. She did state that the traffic situation on Torpey/Boyd was much improved with the changes made last year. Traffic to and from the International Academy moved efficiently with the time changes and modifications made by the City and school.

6. Other Business

Mr. Kilmer asked about the status of speed limit signs in the Rockfield area. Subsequent to the meeting Traffic Engineering requested that additional speed limit signs be placed on Hamman, Eleanor and Rockfield. DPW has entered a service request and the signs should be in place by early August.

7. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Pete Ziegenfelder, Chairperson

Bill Huotari, Recording Secretary