

TRAFFIC BOARD MEETING 1003
MINUTES
Planning Conference Room, 4th Floor, City Hall
Thursday, February 12, 2015

Call to Order. Called to order at 10:06 a.m. by Jared Kraham, Executive Assistant to the Mayor.

Traffic Board Member Present: Jared Kraham, Executive Assistant to the Mayor; Bill Berg, Council person; William Yeager, Assistant Police Chief

Traffic Board Members Absent: Gary Holmes, DPW Commissioner/City Engineer

Also Present: Rich Perkins, Engineering; Dan Correll, retired BPD Officer; Jennie Sherry, Planning; Katherine Davis, Principal Clerk

Approval of Minutes. Request to approve the minutes from Traffic Board Meeting 1002, held on Thursday, January 8, 2015

Moved by Yeager, seconded by Berg

Motion carried. (Vote 3-0-1)

Ayes: J. Kraham, B. Berg, W. Yeager

Nays: None

Absent: G. Holmes

Items Considered

Back-in Parking on Court Street. Ms. Paddick stated that according to many outside studies, back-in parking is safer than front-end angle parking. Mr. Kraham reported that Mayor David would like to keep this on the agenda until the parking study is completed. **Hold until study is complete.**

Front Street and Main Street Corner. Ms. Leslie Dahlgren posed a safety issue at the corner of Front and Main. There are three lanes approaching the Court Street Bridge, but there is no left turn arrow. She claims there are numerous "close-calls" due to confusion by drivers as to who has the right of way. People start to make their turn, while other cars continue going straight toward JC. It looks like there was an arrow there at one point, but it's been covered over with a black shroud. Waiting for traffic counts from Ms. Paddick. **Due to Ms. Paddick's absence, hold until Thursday, March 12, 2015 meeting.**

East Frederick Street. Mr. Berg reported that Amrex Chemical, they would like an exemption from the alternate side parking because there is nowhere for their employees to park. Traffic will look into this and report back. **Hold until Thursday, March 12, 2015 meeting.**

Jackson Street. Ms. Paddick will look at what the study results were. **Due to Ms. Paddick's absence, hold until Thursday, March 12, 2015 meeting.**

Vestal Avenue and Pennsylvania Avenue intersection. Item complete.

Leroy Street and Oak Street Intersection. Mr. Berg reported that Councilwoman Renna receives a lot of calls about this intersection and that people would like to have the light re-installed. Traffic will look into this intersection and determine whether a traffic light is needed; they will report back at the March meeting. **Hold until Thursday, March 12, 2015 meeting.**

13 Telegraph Street. Mr. Daniel Seidel is requesting the removal of a Handicapped Parking Zone in front of 13 Telegraph Street as the owner is deceased. Traffic reported the following:

“The Traffic Division received a text message from Mr. Daniel Seidel, 17 Telegraph Street requesting the removal of the Handicapped Parking Zone in front of 13 Telegraph Street as the owner is deceased. Mr. Seidel also included a copy of the obituary notice for the former occupant, William Scull, from November, 2014. The Traffic Division responded to the above location and observed a for sale sign in front of that residence. It also appeared that no one occupied that address at this time. An attempt to contact any occupant of that location was made by the listed phone directory number and was alerted that the number, 607-724-7414, is no longer in service. A further attempt was made to a phone listing for a son named in the obituary notice as William Scull, Jr. of Endwell at 607-745-7083, with a notice that nobody was available at that time. The Traffic Division, finding that with the original requestor for a handicapped parking zone at that address deceased and no occupant at that address with a need for handicap access, request that the zone be removed as follows:

Delete: Section 22.3A.2 Handicapped Parking Zone Telegraph Street – East – From 30 south of Evans Street to 52 feet south.”

Motion to remove Handicapped Zone in front of 13 Telegraph Street.

Moved by W. Yeager, seconded by B. Berg

Motion carried. (Vote 3-0-1)

Ayes: J. Kraham, B. Berg, W. Yeager

Nays: None

Absent: G. Holmes

Addison Court. Mr. Jon Stento of 16 Addison Court is requesting that a No Parking Anytime zone be inserted on Addison Court at the dead end. He indicated that motorists routinely park at the dead end making it difficult for homeowners to access or leave their driveways, as well as disrupt emergency vehicle access, garbage pick-up and snow removal. Traffic reported the following:

“The Traffic Division received the attached email request from Jon Stento, 16 Addison Court, requesting that a No Parking Anytime zone be inserted on Addison Courte at the dead end. Mr. Stento indicated that motorists routinely park at that dead end making it difficult for home owners to access or leave their driveways, as well as disrupt emergency vehicle access, garbage pick-up and snow removal. Mr. Angelo stated that a No Parking Anytime sign is attached to the guard rail at the end of the street but it is not complied with. The Traffic Division, upon responding to that location to review the request, found no vehicles parked in the area of concern. It did observe several homes on the east side of the street with driveways parallel to each other but spaced at less than an adequate parking space between them. It also observed a fire hydrant on the east side of the dead end in front of 16 Addison Court that would need access by the fire department in an emergency. A No Parking Anytime sign was attached to the guard rail at the dead end that was not listed in the CITY TRAFFIC CODE and if listed was posted inadequately for enforcement. The appropriate height for the signage is 10 feet from the base of the sign to the roadway. The Traffic Division therefore recommends that the Traffic Code be amended as follows:

INSERT: Section 23 - No Parking Anytime Zone Addison Court – Dead End – beginning on the east side of the street at a point 97 feet north of the dead and continuing south to and including the south end of the street around to west side of the street ending 30 north of the dead end.”

Motion to insert No Parking Anytime Zone Addison Court – Dead End.

Moved by B. Berg, seconded by W. Yeager

Motion carried. (Vote 3-0-1)

Ayes: J. Kraham, B. Berg, W. Yeager

Nays: None

Absent: G. Holmes

Mary Street and Sherwood Avenue. Ms. Marcia Huntoon of 152 Mary Street is requesting a barrier or guide rail to protect her property at the corner of Mary Street and Sherwood Avenue. She indicated that the request is based on numerous accidents and near accidents at that location. Traffic board requested additional follow-up with Ms. Huntoon. Traffic will speak with her about her request and report back. **Hold until Thursday, March 12, 2015 meeting.** Traffic reported the following:

“The Traffic Division submitted the attached correspondence from Franco Incitti , Senior Engineer, City of Binghamton, for a Marcia Huntoon, 152 Mary Street, requesting a barrier or guide rail to protect her property at the corner of Mary Street and Sherwood Avenue. Ms. Huntoon indicated in the correspondence that the request is based on numerous accidents and near accidents at that location. City Engineer Incitti suggest an additional stop sign on the north east corner for Sherwood Avenue as a solution. The Traffic Division responded to that intersection to review the terrain. Mary Street and Sherwood Avenue is a two way stop intersection for north bound and south bound traffic on Mary Street. Sherwood is a steep grade up and down through street for east and west bound traffic. There is an adequate line of sight for the north and south bound traffic to observe through traffic. 152 Mary Street is a home on the north west corner of that intersection that sits lower than the street.

The Traffic Division, upon reviewing reported incidents at that intersection from January 1, 2012 to present date, found no reports on file of any traffic incidents. A further review of 152 Mary Street individually found two reports concerning this address. The first report, January 16, 2014, involved a south bound vehicle on Mary Street veering off the road and crossing over her property and continuing through to Sherwood Avenue. The second report, originally reported as an accident on February 15, 2014, involved an abandoned vehicle stuck in a snow bank on Mary Street. No direction of travel or damage listed. No accident involved. The Traffic Division therefore upon finding no incidents at that location to support the need of a barrier recommends that none be inserted. It also finds no basis to insert an additional stop control for the east bound traffic as suggested by the city engineer

Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn at 10:24 a.m.

Moved by B. Berg, seconded by W. Yeager

Motion carried. (Vote 3-0-1)

Ayes: J. Kraham, B. Berg, W. Yeager

Nays: None

Absent: G. Holmes