

TRAFFIC COMMISSION

City of Findlay
April 19, 2021

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Safety Director Paul Schmelzer, City Engineer Brian Thomas, Police Chief Robert Ring, Fire Chief Josh Eberle, Councilman Jim Slough.

STAFF PRESENT: Matt Stoffel, Public Works Superintendent; Tom DeMuth, Traffic Signal Supervisor; Jeremy Kalb, Assistant City Engineer; Kathy Launder, City Clerk.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Request of Brian Heydinger, Director of Grounds with Findlay Country Club, for a guardrail on Country Club Drive near their #9 tee box due to recent tree removal by AEP.

Chief Eberle stated that this seems like a reasonable request. Chief Ring stated that it is an elevated area that would be dangerous if a motorist went off the side of the road. Chief Ring agrees it is a reasonable request.

Motion to approve request to install a guardrail on Country Club Drive, by Chief Eberle, second by Councilman Slough. Motion passed 5-0.

2. Request of Caroline Filmer, 231 Ellis Avenue, Findlay, for a “cross traffic does not stop” on Edith Avenue on the east and west sides of the intersection with Bolton Street.

Director Schmelzer stated that the request for the “cross traffic does not stop” signs has been taken care of and these signs have been installed. No further action is needed

3. Request of Bob Edds to remove No Turn on Red signs at the intersection of West Main Cross Street and Western Avenue.

DeMuth stated that most likely the no turn on red signs were installed due to St. Michael’s School being in close proximity to this intersection. The City of Findlay does not currently have standards as it relates to no turn on red sign placement. Thomas stated that there could be a visibility issue with St. Michael’s Church building and the Knights of Columbus building being so close to the road. Director Schmelzer stated that we can take the signs down and see what happens. If an increase of accidents occur due to right turns on red, then we can reinstall.

Based on historical information and recent data provided, Director Schmelzer moves to remove the “No Turn on Red” signs at the intersection of W. Main Cross Street and Western Avenue to enable traffic to move as quickly as possible through this area, and that Traffic Commission, with the help of the Police Department, will monitor for any increase of accidents at this intersection due to the right turns on red, second by Thomas. Motion passed 5-0.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned. The next meeting of the City of Findlay Traffic Commission will be held on May 17, 2021, at 2:30 p.m. in the third floor conference room of the Municipal Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy K. Launder
City Clerk