

# TRAFFIC COMMISSION

City of Findlay  
September 20, 2021

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## MINUTES

### **ATTENDANCE:**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Service-Safety Director Rob Martin, City Engineer Jeremy Kalb, Police Chief Robert Ring, Fire Chief Josh Eberle, Councilman Jim Slough.

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

### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Request of Michelle Komyanek, 734 Third Street, for speed limit sign and/or no thru traffic sign to help limit speed of traffic and unnecessary truck traffic.

6/21/2021

Discussion ensued regarding the actual amount of traffic that travels on Leisure Avenue. Chief Eberle suggested that we place traffic counters out on Leisure Avenue to determine actual number of vehicles and the rate of speed of vehicles traveling on Leisure Avenue.

Motion to table request until results come back from traffic counts, by Kalb, second by Chief Ring. Motion passed 5-0.

7/19/2021

Item remains tabled.

8/16/2021

Item remains tabled.

9/20/2021

Motion to lift item from table, by Chief Eberle, second by Chief Ring. Motion passed 5-0.

Kalb reported the traffic count results from a two week period, 24 hours a day. The average daily count on Leisure Avenue is 42 vehicles, which is very low volume. At peak times at 5pm there were 6 vehicles, which is very low. This indicates that the vehicles are from residential traffic not thru traffic. The results did not show any vehicles larger than a local delivery vehicle.

Motion to deny request for a speed limit sign and no thru truck sign, by Chief Eberle, second by Councilman Slough. Motion passed 5-0.

2. Request of Mark Haas for a four-way stop at the intersection of Bristol Drive and Greendale Avenue to slow traffic on Greendale.

8/16/2021

Mark Haas stated that there is a large amount of traffic speeding down Greendale Avenue. He is requesting that a three-way stop be implemented at the intersection of Greendale Avenue and Bristol Drive to help slow traffic. Kalb stated that stop signs are not designed as speed control devices. In the past, we have done extra police patrol in the area or added additional speed limit signs to help control speeding traffic. Chief Eberle likes the idea of a stop sign. There is a potential issue of placement of the stop signs. Director Martin asked if additional speed limit signs would help. Kalb stated that we need to do some additional investigation if stop signs are feasible at this intersection due to location of driveways, need to take some measurements. Stoffel stated that he can place the portable digital speed limit signs out to gather data regarding speed and number of vehicles. Stoffel stated he will put the signs out for the next two weeks to gather data. Director Martin stated that after we gather this data, we can look at alternatives available. Motion to table request by Kalb, second by Councilman Slough. Motion passed 4-0.

9/20/2021

Motion to lift item from table, by Kalb, second by Chief Ring. Motion passed 5-0

Kalb took measurements at the intersection for placement of stop signs on Greendale Avenue on the east and west sides of Bristol Drive. There are driveways on both sides of the intersection that are within the 30 foot clearance zone. Speeds detected from radar equipment placed on Greendale Avenue do not warrant placing stop signs on Greendale Avenue at Bristol Drive. Kalb states that legally he cannot put in stop signs on Greendale Avenue at the intersection of Bristol Drive per the Uniform Manual of Traffic Control Devices. Kalb suggests enhancing the crossing with signage and "piano key" striped crosswalks.

Motion to deny request for a four-way stop at the intersection of Bristol Drive and Greendale Avenue and approve the

installation of crosswalk signage and enhanced crosswalk markings on street across Greendale Avenue at Bristol Drive, by Kalb, second by Chief Ring. Motion passed 5-0.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Request of Heather Smith for a stop sign on Lincoln Street at Liberty Street due to a bus stop now being located at this intersection for Kindergarten-Second Grade students and visibility limited by cars parked on the street.

Chief Eberle stated that the intersection of Lincoln Street and Liberty Street is too close to a signalized intersection to add a four-way stop. The school bus travels north/south on Liberty Street. He asked the Findlay City Schools bus transportation if the bus stop could be changed to the signalized intersection of Lincoln Street and South West Street. Was not real receptive to the idea. Chief Eberle stated that we can reach out the bus driver for this stop to see if they notice any issues.

Motion to table and reach out to Findlay City Schools bus transportation for further discussion, by Chief Eberle, second by Kalb. Motion passed 5-0.

2. Request of Matt Stoffel to review signage specific to Lincoln School and removal if deemed appropriate:
  - a. School Zone
  - b. No Turn on Red
  - c. Parking Restrictions

Stoffel stated that with Lincoln School being closed, the school signage can be removed.

Motion for Street Department to evaluate signage specific to Lincoln School on West Lincoln Street from South Main Street to South West Street, South West Street from West Lincoln Street to Hardin Street, and South Cory Street from West Lincoln Street to Hardin Street to determine if the school restriction signs are still needed and remove as necessary, by Kalb second by Councilman Slough. 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 October 18, 2021, at 2:30 p.m. in the third floor conference room of the Municipal Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy K. Launder  
City Clerk