

# TRAFFIC COMMISSION

City of Findlay  
November 17, 2014

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## MINUTES

### **ATTENDANCE:**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Service-Safety Director Paul Schmelzer, Police Chief Greg Horne, Councilman Ron Monday.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Matt Stoffel, Public Works Superintendent; Kathy Launder, City Clerk.

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Bill Hohenbrink.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Request of George Scaife, 2326 Park Street, to post "No Thru Trucks" signs at Park Street and Sixth Street heading south and Park Street and Olive Street heading north.

09/15/2014

George Scaife stated that semi trucks are travelling on Park Street and Washington Avenue from Sixth Street to Olive Street. He noticed it started happening this summer. He states that the semis are breaking up the street. He could not say how many semis per day, per week are travelling down these streets.

Director Schmelzer stated that Park Street and Washington Avenue can support semi traffic, not a large volume, and can support regular use by garbage trucks and delivery trucks, etc. Chief Lonyo stated that if we were to post "No Thru Trucks" on Parks Street, we would also have to post it on Washington Avenue and Brookside Drive.

Director Schmelzer stated that the City will perform a traffic count on Park Street and Washington Avenue to determine the number of semis that are travelling down those streets.

Motion to table request until traffic counts can be performed on Park Street and Washington Avenue by Chief Horne, second by Director Schmelzer. Motion passed 4-0.

10/20/2014

Item remains tabled.

11/17/2014

Item remains tabled.

2. Request of Bill Hohenbrink, Hohenbrink Building, LLC, 5975 Lugabill Road, Columbus Grove, Ohio, to appeal the decision of Service-Safety Director Schmelzer to deny a request for an additional curb cut at 1112 Sixth Street to allow for an additional drive access.

10/20/2014

Hohenbrink stated that there are six other houses on this street that have double access to their property. The homeowner has a handicapped child, and it would make maneuvering her vehicle a lot safer and easier for her.

The standard currently is one driveway access per lot. Councilman Monday stated that this is strictly an Engineering Department decision to make. Chief Lonyo stated that this is similar to the mid block crosswalk discussion. We need parameters for allowing additional driveway access points from Engineering Department so we can make an informed decision. Director Rasmussen stated the Director Schmelzer did suggest an alternative that would allow for the safety of maneuvering a vehicle without having another driveway access.

Motion to table and to request the Engineering Department to develop parameters for allowing dual access drive in residential areas by Chief Lonyo, second by Councilman Monday. Motion passed 3-0.

11/17/2014

Motion to lift from table by Service-Safety Director Schmelzer, second by Councilman Monday. Motion passed 3-0.

Director Schmelzer distributed a copy of Access Management Regulations for Hancock County dated March 23, 2006, with his comments that apply for the City of Findlay. Director Schmelzer discussed alterations to the document. This standard is to be reviewed by the Commission members and submit comments to Schmelzer. This request is for two curb cuts on a property on a secondary thoroughfare which is not permitted. Schmelzer stated that we have to look at the big picture when considering variances. The City appreciates the disability that the property owner faces, however, another option for a turnaround on the property is available as previously given by Director Schmelzer when the denial of the original request was made.

Councilman Monday stated that the request is valid. However, there is a solution to put a turnaround on the property off the driveway rather than the addition of a curb cut.

Motion to deny request by Councilman Monday, second by Director Schmelzer. Motion passed 3-0.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Request of Nancy Walther to install curve ahead signs at the turn on Hamlet Drive between County Road 212 and Production Drive.

Director Schmelzer stated that this is a gradual reverse curve. The issue is that the street lights are not activated on at this time. This road was previously a private road and the service for the lights was paid by the property owner. Since this road has been dedicated to the City, the responsibility for the lights is being turned over to the City. There is a logistical issue that is being worked on that needs to be resolved prior to the lights being able to be activated.

Motion to deny request due to maintaining consistency with similar curves in the City and work with previous property owner to get the street lights on the City's circuit, by Director Schmelzer, second by Chief Horne. Motion passed 3-0.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned. The next meeting of the City of Findlay Traffic Commission will be held on December 15, 2014, at 2:30 p.m. in the third floor conference room of the Municipal Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy K. Launder  
City Clerk