



Agenda

OLD BUSINESS

1. Request for additional signals at Sandusky Street and Main Street.

5/16/2016

Schmelzer stated that a traffic camera was placed facing one direction at this intersection for peak traffic. It will then be placed facing the other direction at the intersection. Once the data collected from the video is reviewed, it will be brought back to Traffic Commission for consideration. Item remains tabled.

08/15/2016

DeMuth stated that he needs to convert the video files for review. Item remains tabled.

3/20/2017

Motion to lift from table, by Director Schmelzer, second by Councilman Monday. Motion passed 5-0.

We have been talking about this for awhile. Taken a look at video and stacking that occurs. Thomas put together a concept drawing of what it would look like to add a dedicated turn lane and what the impact would be to parking. It is not fully developed. Idea is to take away some of the sidewalk width that is there to add the turn lane and keep the parking. Can maintain 8 feet of sidewalk on both sides of street by keeping parking. There will be more functional area for pedestrians to move once the tree wells are removed during the Main Street project than there is now. Motion to table for further discussion, by Director Schmelzer, second by Thomas. Motion passed 5-0.

2. Request of Grant Russel to review possibility of eliminating one traffic lane and adding parking on Beech Street between East Main Cross Street and East Sandusky Street.

02/21/2017

Director Schmelzer stated that almost every time he turns onto Beech Street there is a delivery truck parked in one of the lanes. Councilman Monday asked how many parking spaces we would gain by eliminating a lane of traffic on Beech Street. Director Schmelzer stated approximately 15 parking spaces could potentially be created. Chief Eberle suggested a loading zone in each block if we move forward with the request to accommodate the delivery trucks.

Motion to table request until Engineering Department can develop a parking plan for Beech Street from East Main Cross Street to East Sandusky Street including one loading zone on the north side of the intersection of Beech Street and East Crawford Street, by Director Schmelzer, second by Chief Eberle. Motion passed 4-0.

03/20/2017

Motion to lift from table, by Director Schmelzer, second by Thomas. Motion passed 5-0.

Talked about putting parking on Beech. Thomas put together exhibit for additional parking on Beech. Can add a total of 15 parking spaces from Main Cross to Sandusky Street on Beech Street. Discussion ensued regarding flow of traffic on Beech Street. Schmelzer asked Thomas to take map and take same parking configuration but move it over to east and west and show the alleys up to Main Street and create pdf and put arrows on it as to which way motorists have to travel as posted now, then email out to commission members for review at next meeting.

Motion to table so that Thomas has a chance to put exhibit together so that if we are going to add parking to beech that we do so after looking at the full traffic pattern in the area, by Director Schmelzer, second by Councilman Monday. Motion passed 5-0.

Give copy of revised exhibit to larger property owners that abut Beech Street and have them attend the next Traffic Commission meeting.

3. Request of Tom DeMuth to review crosswalk placement at the intersection of Tiffin Avenue and Croy Avenue due to visibility issue on the northwest corner.

03/20/2017

Discussion ensued regarding options to alleviate issue. Demuth suggested to delay the green light to allow pedestrian traffic to start across prior to vehicle traffic. Maybe place a No Right Turn on Red sign to help alleviate. Mitigate risk and worth looking at. Last resort is to redo curb and ramp on the other side of the box.

Motion to review the timing of the traffic signal to see if a delay in the green signal for southbound thru traffic can be facilitated in order to create additional visibility for a pedestrian in the crosswalk, by Director Schmelzer, second by Thomas. Motion passed 5-0.

Review results and bring back to Traffic Commission next month.

NEW BUSINESS

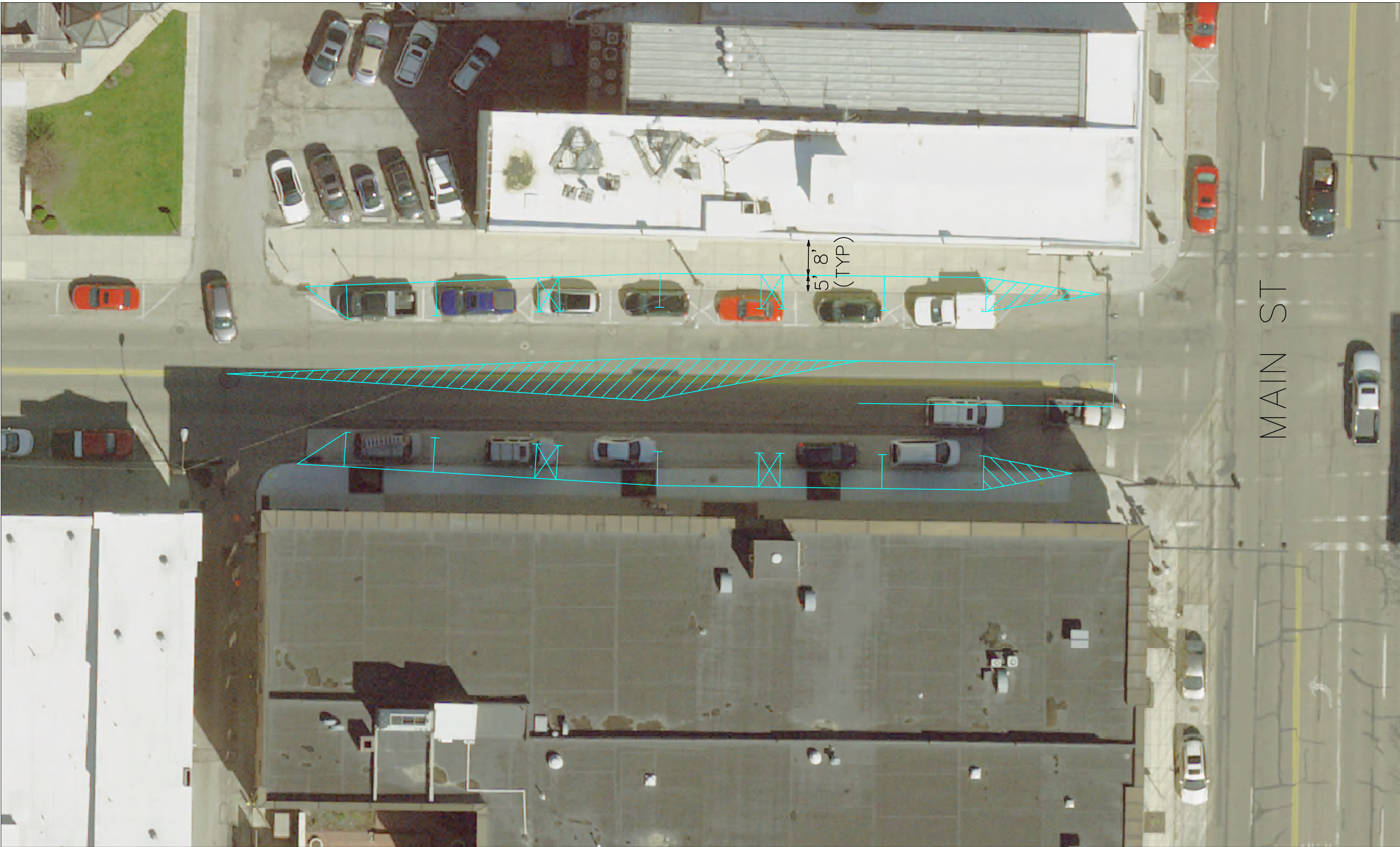
1. Request of Jen Fulton for “Wrong Way” signs to be placed on Crawford Street.
2. Request of George Rustemeyer to make Maple Avenue between Fairlawn Place and Pearl Street “No Parking During School Hours”.
3. Request of Aaron Baxter to make Sherry Street from Pearl Street to Sixth Street one way northbound.
4. Request of Brian Thomas, City Engineer, to review crosswalks at Trenton Avenue and Bolton Street and West Main Cross Street and Liberty Street.



SCALE: 1"=20'

SANDUSKY ST TURN LANE

PARKING SPOTS
BEFORE LANE ADDITION 13
AFTER LANE ADDITION 12



MAIN ST



E MAIN CROSS ST

~~CLOSED TO TRAFFIC~~

S MAIN ST

Loading Zone

BEECH AVE

EAST ST

E CRAWFORD ST

BEECH AVE

E SANDUSKY ST

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

9 10 11 12 13 14 15



EAST MAIN CROSS ST

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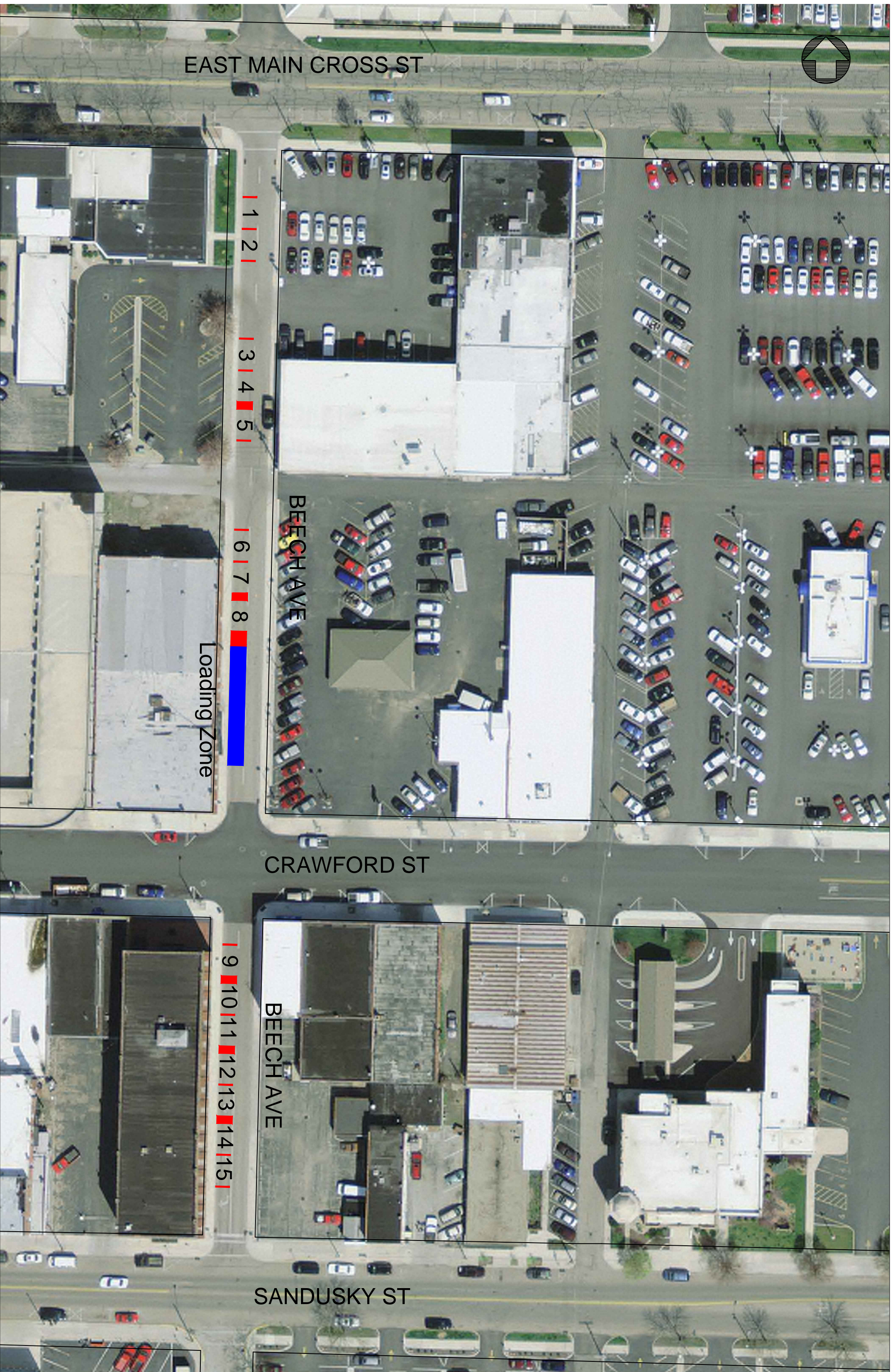
BEECH AVE

CRAWFORD ST

BEECH AVE

SANDUSKY ST

Loading Zone



Kathy Launder

From: Paul Schmelzer <pschmelzer@findlayohio.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2017 4:05 PM
To: 'Jen Fulton'
Cc: Kathy Launder
Subject: RE: One Way/Wrong Way

Jen,

Thank you for letting me know. We are reviewing the one-way movements at the April Traffic Commission meeting. I will have your comments added to the agenda as part of that discussion.

Paul E. Schmelzer, P.E., P.S.

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318 Dorney Plaza, Room 310
Findlay, Ohio 45840

Phone: 419.424.7137

From: Jen Fulton [mailto:fultonjen@ymail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2017 2:39 PM
To: Paul Schmelzer <pschmelzer@findlayohio.com>
Subject: One Way/Wrong Way

Hi Paul,

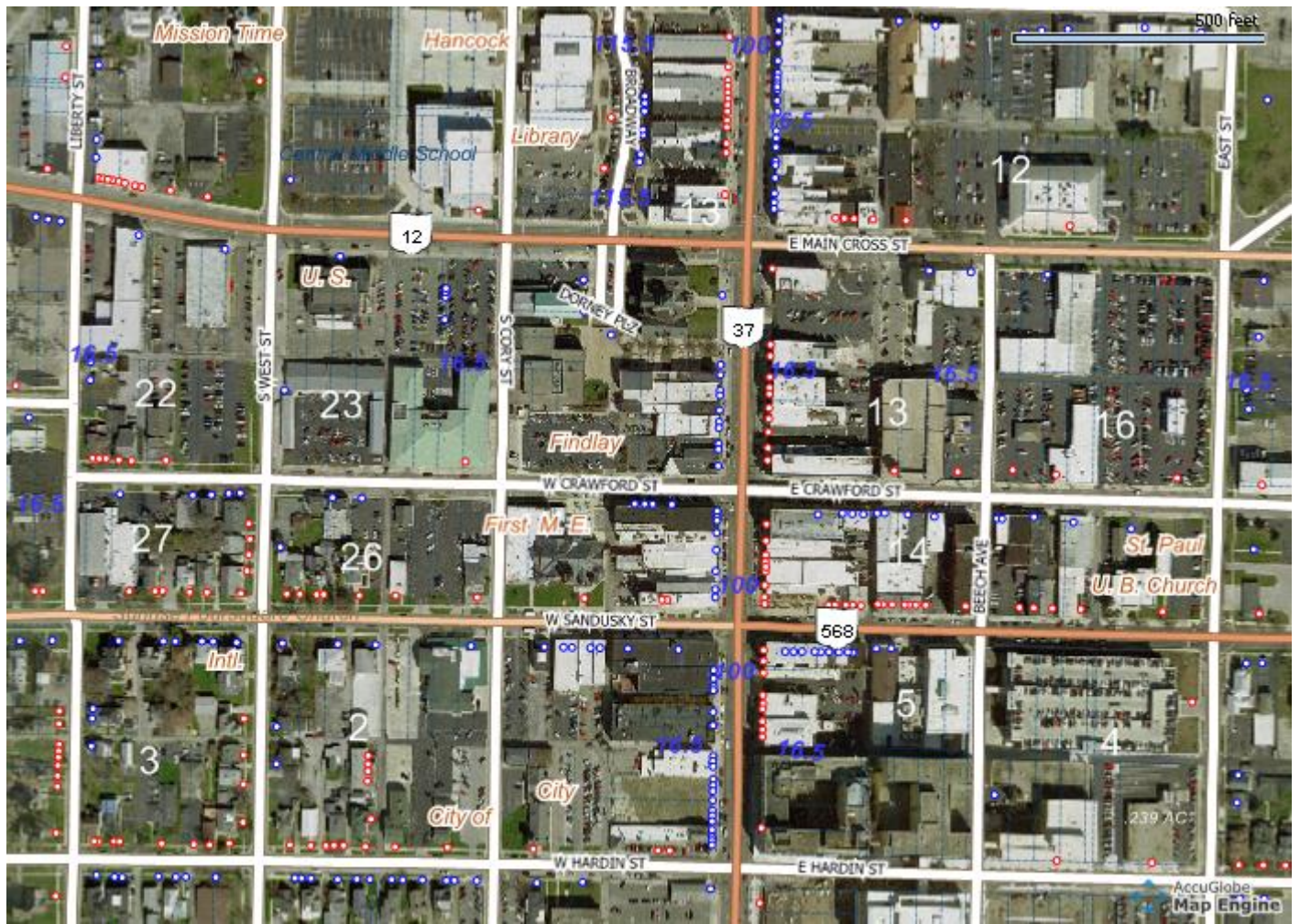
I own Buggy Whip Bakery. I have intended on sending an email much sooner. An experience today forced me to make it priority.

Today I was turning down the ally between the parking garage and 5/3 bank and was nearly hit head on a wrong way driver.

I am a huge advocate of the change made with Crawford Street being one way to accommodate more parking. But every day I see drivers driving the wrong way down Crawford and the ally. There are plenty one one way signs posted to those heading in the correct direction, but there are no wrong way signs to let anyone know they are going the wrong way. Why is this? It's seems necessary.

Thanks
Jen

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Request for "Wrong Way" signs on Crawford Street

Kathy Launder

From: George Rustemeyer <gerustem@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 08, 2017 12:28 AM
To: traffic@findlayohio.com; klaunder@findlayohio.com
Cc: Melissa Rustemeyer; dhonse@findlayohio.com; KPlasec@fcs.org
Subject: No Parking Request for the 1700 Block of Maple Avenue
Attachments: MapleAve_ParkingPetition_20170407.jpg; JeffersonNewsletter (1).jpg; JeffersonNewsletter (2).jpg; IMG_20170407_153205.jpg; IMG_20170407_154114.jpg; IMG_20170407_154134.jpg; IMG_20170407_154440.jpg; IMG_20170407_125027.jpg; IMG_20170407_125117.jpg; IMG_20170407_125234.jpg; IMG_20170407_125209.jpg

Good Day,

I am a homeowner that lives across the street from Jefferson Primary School at the southwest corner of Fairlawn Place and Maple Avenue. I am writing to request that parking not be allowed on the section of Maple Avenue between Fairlawn Place and Pearl Street during the hours when school is in session and that no parking signs be posted stating just that. During peak activity when students are being dropped off or picked up multiple people are parking on this section of Maple Avenue despite being told by the school that they should not park there. Because Maple Avenue is narrower than other streets the flow of traffic leaving the area southward on Maple is hampered by these parked vehicles and anyone trying to walk to and from the school down Maple Avenue is put in jeopardy. Also, the repeated parking activity has torn up the gravel and sod on the east side of my property that runs along Maple Avenue.

I have spoken to the principal of Jefferson School, Kim Plesec, and she said that she has told parents and caregivers not to park on this section of the street. A copy of a recent Jefferson School newsletter that re-iterates the traffic and parking rules is included with this email.

I am submitting a list of names, addresses and signatures of property owners in the area that agree with my request to stop the parking on Maple Avenue. The five names with stars next to them are those of us whose property runs along the section of Maple Avenue in question. Also, I am including pictures I took on April 7th of the area in question during the end of school activity and of the damage done by the vehicles being parked where they should not.

I look forward to discussing this matter with you at your next meeting on April 17th.

Best Regards,

George E. Rustemeyer

215 Fairlawn Place

Findlay, OH 45840-5207

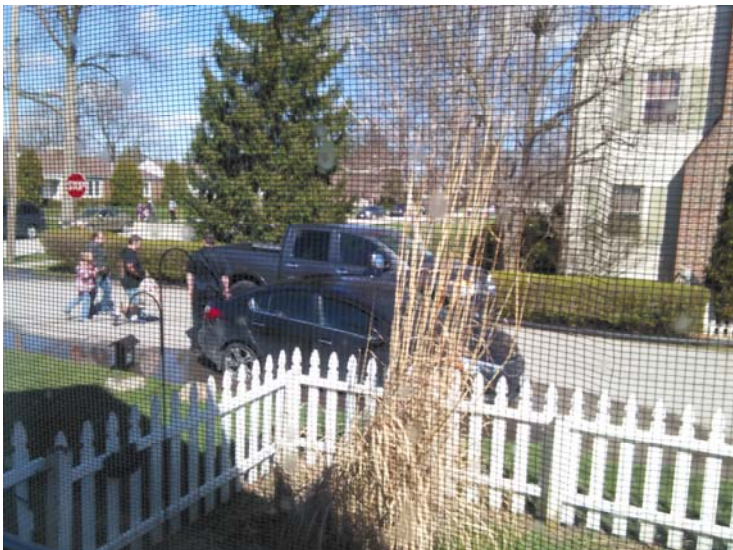
Cell: 419-722-5339

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Request to make Maple Avenue between Fairlawn Place and Pearl Street "No Parking During School Hours".







Jefferson Primary School
204 Fairlawn Place Findlay, OH
45840 419-425-8298
Mrs. Kim Plesec, Principal

April News

2017



Greetings from
Mrs. Plesec

*Spring is here!
It is so nice to see
the sun shine and to see green
grass. Please encourage your
little ones to get outside and
enjoy the sunshine, when possible.
The benefits of exercise and
physical fitness are long lasting.*

*I hope that you all have a
wonderful, safe and restful spring
break and when we return to
school on April 17th we will be
ready for our final preparations.*

A Leader in Me School

Habit 5: Seek First to Understand, Then to Be Understood means that it is better to listen first and talk second. By taking the time to listen to another person, you reach a higher level of communication. Teaching Habit 5 to young children is done by first considering their age and development. Young children find it difficult to understand another's paradigm (point of view). This habit is best approached by introducing listening as a skill that should be practiced. Learning to listen without interrupting and learning to listen with your ears, your eyes, and your heart will help children build a foundation for Habit 5. Simply put, we have two ears and one mouth so that we can spend more time listening with the intent to understand.

Stellaluna by Janell Cannon

The True Story of the Three Little Pigs
by Jon Scieszka

The Runaway Bunny by Margaret Wise Brown

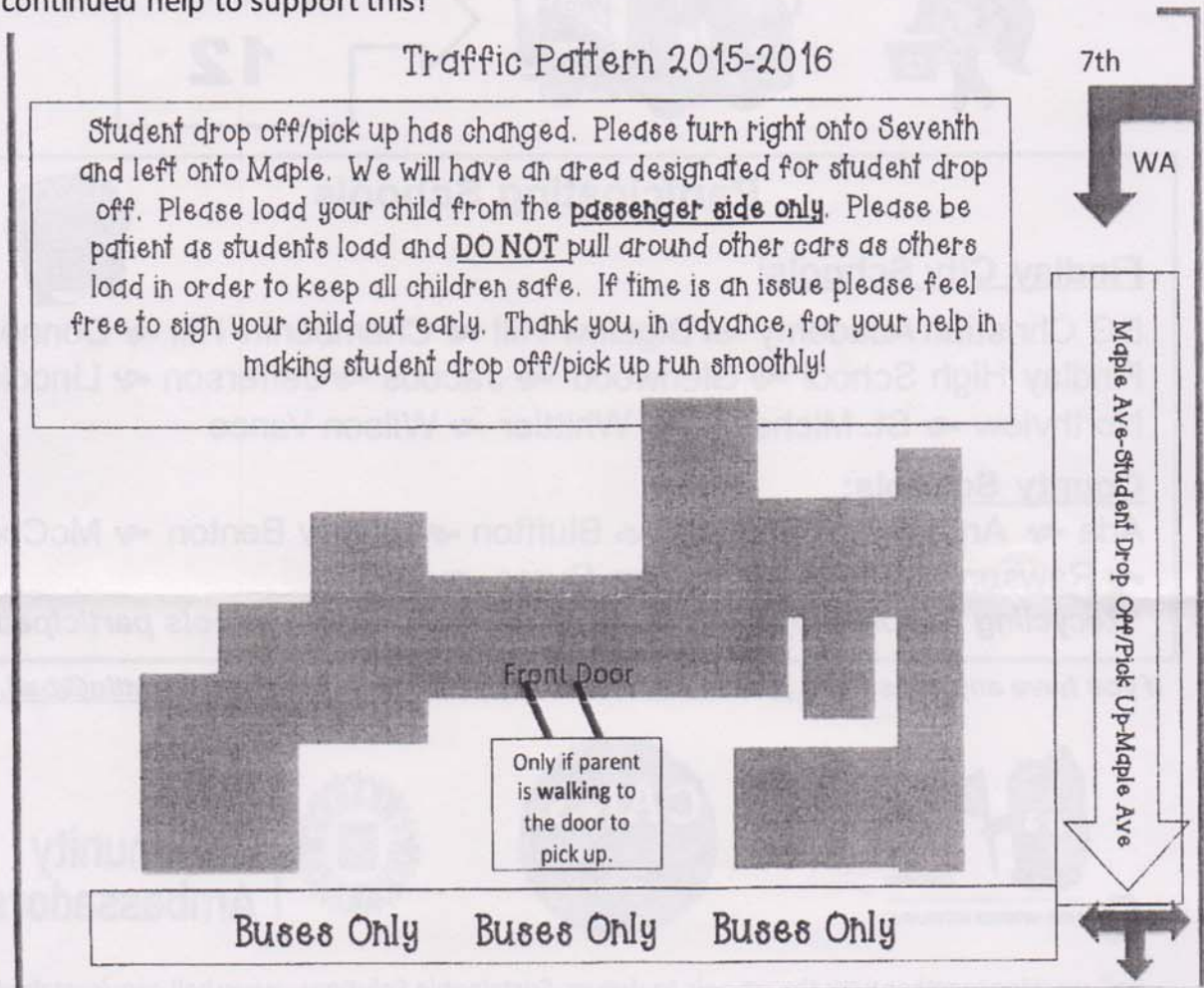
Are You My Mother? by P.D. Eastman
Is Your Mama a Llama? By Deborah Guarino

Dear Parents and Guardians,

With the nicer weather we understand that parents would like to pick their child up at the front of Jefferson. With this comes parking issues. Just a reminder that we can only park on Fairlawn Place. Maple Avenue is not marked for parking. We do have car pick up on Maple Avenue by the modulars. The Jefferson bell rings at 3:40. The car pick up line is usually done by 3:50 if not sooner. To help expedite afternoon dismissal in a safe and orderly manner, please stay in your car and allow your child to get in the vehicle. Sometimes, you may be asked to pull forward by the dumpster to help buckle up so the pickup line can keep moving.

When dropping students off in the morning between 9:00am-9:15am, please make sure your child is ready to get out of the car when you arrive in the unloading area.

Please revisit your drop off/pick up plan according to these reminders. Our number one goal at Jefferson is to provide a safe learning environment and we need your continued help to support this!



Kathy Launder

From: aaron baxter <aaronbaxter777@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2017 5:31 PM
To: klaunder@findlayohio.com
Subject: Sherry St. Needs to be One-Way
Attachments: DSCN1987.JPG; DSCN1988.JPG; DSCN1989.JPG; DSCN1990.JPG; DSCN1991.JPG; DSCN1992.JPG; DSCN1993.JPG; DSCN1994.JPG; DSCN1995.JPG

To the Mayor's Office:

I, Aaron T. Baxter, propose Sherry St. be made an One-Way Street as soon as possible for the following reasons:

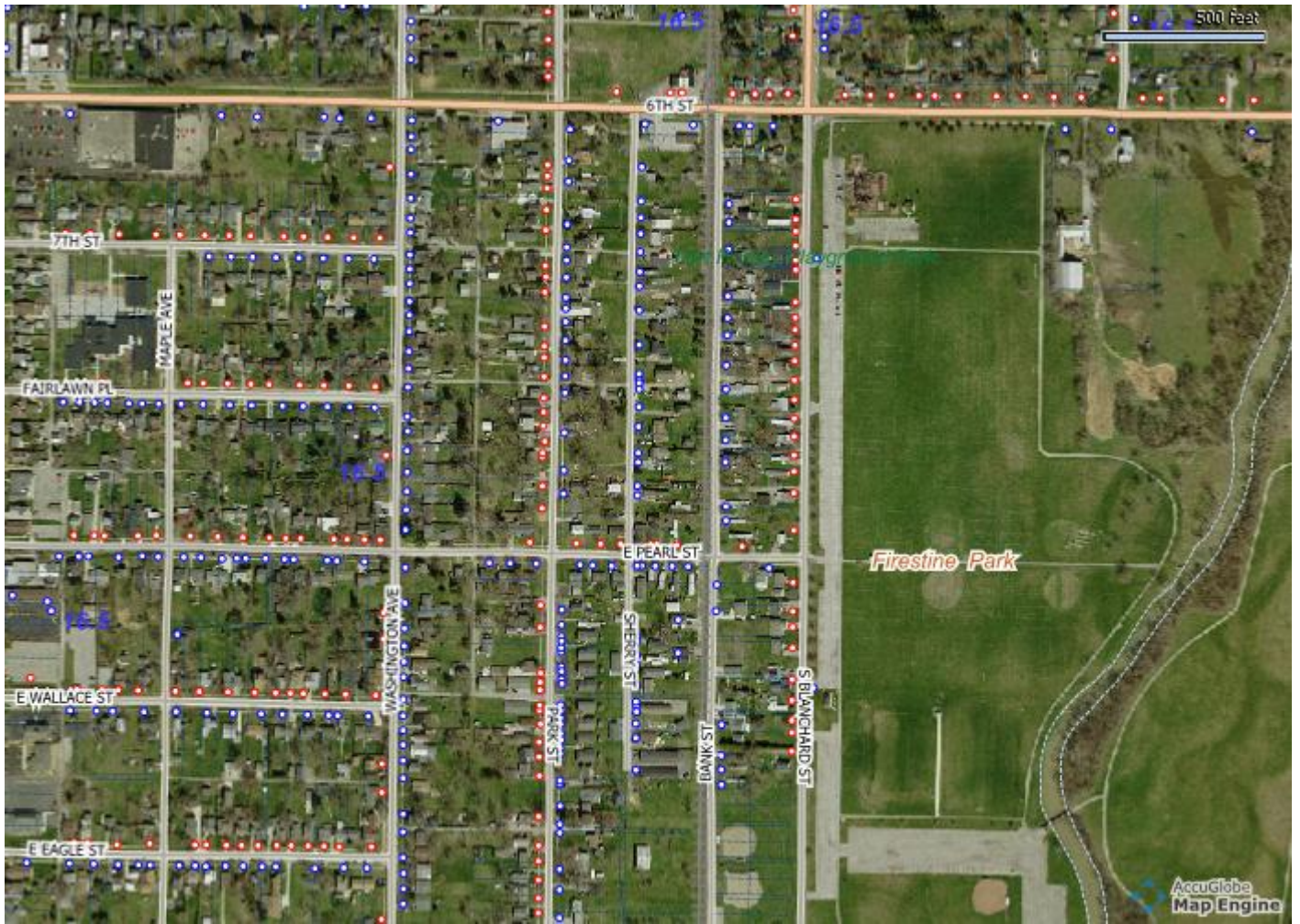
1. The street is not wide enough for two compact cars to pass each other, let alone two trucks, or a truck and a car.
2. People have to play a game of "Chicken" when heading towards each other.
3. One person must drive off the road and into the lawns causing marks and mud holes in the lawns.
4. This issue creates an unspoken tension between drivers and a bad mood when just driving down the street.
5. People needing to drive up into the lawns to pass each other is dangerous for kids playing in the front lawns of Sherry St. and the back lawns of Park St.
6. There are two perpendicular intersecting alley's running from Sherry St. to Park Street between Pearl St. & Sixth St. for flow of traffic / not a need to drive all the way down to Pearl from Sixth St. to enter Sherry St.
7. People like Anne Ward, a Park St. resident, is highly upset that people keep driving in her yard and she can not do anything to stop it.
8. If the street was one-way there would be no need to drive in lawns to pass, thus making the neighborhood look cleaner and not so "trashy".
9. Last but not least, driving off the edge of the road causes erosion of the street creating pot holes that keep getting bigger and bigger. This effect is going to cost the city more money to fix over time or the need to re-pave the street. This also makes driving down the street dangerous, and dangerous for all the kids who play in that area.

I propose the street be made one-way from South to North (Pearl St. to Sixth St.) due to the fact that the postal route runs in that direction. In addition, I grew up in that neighborhood many many years ago and remember the day Sherry St. was re-paved. I couldn't believe the city finally put money in our neighborhood, if the street is completely ruined from this automobile erosion, when will it be completely ground down and re-paved again? Attached are pictures of a quarter of the current damage and marks in lawns.

Thank You for Your Consideration,

Aaron T. Baxter

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Request to make Sherry Street from Pearl Street to Sixth Street one way going northbound.





Kathy Launder

From: bthomas <bthomas@findlayohio.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 13, 2017 8:29 AM
To: Kathy Launder
Subject: FW: Traffic Commission
Attachments: Liberty_WMMain Cross.pdf; MainCross_Big.pdf; Trenton_Big.pdf; Bolton_Trenton.pdf

Kathy:

With ODOT repaving Trenton and West Main Cross this summer, we are going to be replacing curb and ADA ramps as needed to make sure that everything is up to current standards. There is 1 location on Trenton (at Bolton) and 1 location on West Main Cross (at Liberty) where there are currently cross walks for pedestrians to cross all 4 or 5 lanes of traffic without a signal or any other sort of warning device.

Please add this to the traffic commission agenda for them to review and decide if the cross walks should be removed or if we need to add signage, flashing beacons, or something to make it a little safer for the pedestrians. I have included a sketch of both intersections and maps that are zoomed out a little further so that we can see where the next closest crossings are.

Thank you,

Brian A. Thomas, PE, PS, CPESC

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*Nothing in these comments is to be construed as authorizing extra work for which additional compensation may be claimed without prior approval.

From: Jeremy Kalb [mailto:jkalb@findlayohio.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 12, 2017 4:23 PM
To: Brian Thomas <bthomas@findlayohio.com>
Subject: Traffic Commission

Brian,

Attached are the two areas that I am wanting the crosswalk removed.

Jeremy Kalb

Engineering Project Manager
City of Findlay, OH
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Phone: 419.424.7121



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W. Main Cross Street
Western Ave. to S. West St.

Area of Concern



Liberty Street and W. Main Cross

Removal of Existing Crosswalk marking going across W. Main Cross



Trenton Ave
Broad Ave. to Morey Ave.

Area of Concern



Trenton Ave and Bolton St.

Removal of Existing Crosswalk marking going across Trenton Ave.

