

TRAFFIC BOARD MEETING 1057
Minutes
Planning Conference Room, 4th Floor, City Hall
January 9, 2020

Call to Order. Called to order at 9:15 a.m. by Jared Kraham, Executive Assistant to the Mayor

Traffic Board Members Present: Jared Kraham, Executive Assistant to the Mayor; Ray Standish Engineering; John Paddock, DPW; Philip Strawn, 6th District,

Traffic Board Members Absent: William Yeager, Assistant Chief-BPD

Also Present: Dan Correll, Retired BPD-Traffic; William Lescault, BPD; Nate Miller, BPD; Sgt Dave Petryszyn, BPD; Katherine Hendrickson, BPD; Ubed Varughese, Economic Development; Cindy Paddick, BMTS; Tito Martinez, Economic Development; Eileen and Paul Hughes, residents

Approval of Minutes. Request to approve the minutes from Traffic Board Meeting 1056, held on **December 12, 2019**

Moved by: R. Standish, J. Paddock

Motion carried. (Vote 3-0-2)

Ayes: J. Kraham, R. Standish, J. Paddock

Nays: None

Absent: W. Yeager, P. Strawn

Items Considered

Grand Blvd. Eileen Hughes at 69 Grand Blvd and Julie Keenan at 86 Grand Blvd. Ms. Hughes are requesting that a stop sign be posted at the intersection of Grand Blvd and Matthews because it seems to be in the middle of Grand Blvd. Mr. Correll reported that speed control is not controlled by stop signs per federal regulations. It is controlled by police control. Mr. Kraham noted that they will look into other options to see what can be done to help the problem. Mr. Kraham suggested that Crestmont Road and Grand Blvd should be the intersection to be considered for a 4-way stop. Mr Standish recommends that the stop sign installation should be put on hold until Ms. Paddick finishes her report on installing mini roundabouts. Mr. Correll's biggest concern is installing a 4-way stop without justification will the city be liable if there is a serious accident. Speed trailer has been put in place. Ms. Paddick also has video of the intersection and will be meeting with consultants regarding the design. The tree has been trimmed and the oversized stop signs have been installed. The "cross traffic does not stop" sign was installed. Ms. Paddick reported that most of the traffic is in the 31 to 45 MPH. Considering the geometrics and width this is to be expected. The crash rate compared to the state wide average are above the average. Therefore the street is a candidates for traffic roundabouts. Crary Avenue still needs to be investigated for counts. Ms. Paddick reported that they should have the McFarland report by the end of 2019. J. Kraham reported that they had a meeting with McFarland in December. There are some long term fixes but the consensus is that a 4 way stop will be warranted due to several factors. If weather permits, the new stop bars will be installed in January. Mr. Correll noted that if the 4 way stop is not warranted, its removal could be very dangerous and a big liability. Mr. Correll discussed the possibility of a roundabout at Helen Street. There is currently a school guard at this location. A roundabout may cause problems for kids crossing the street at this location.

Motion to install all way stop at Grand Blvd. and Crestmont Road with oversized stop signs and stop bars.

Moved by: J. Paddock, R. Standish

Motion carried. (Vote 3-0-2)

Ayes: J. Kraham, R. Standish, J. Paddock

Nays: None

Absent: W. Yeager, P. Strawn

Centenary and Hawley. Mr. Correll reported that the stop sign should be moved. There should also be a crosswalk installed. This item will be review again. Mr. Standish will report back in February. **Hold until next Traffic Board Meeting, February 13, 2020.**

33 South Washington Street. Development. Mr. Brett Pritchard is waiting on a traffic study to come back. It should be finalize by the end of December and will be submitted to the Planning Board. They are looking for access from Vestal Avenue because South Washington is so busy. Mr. Correll is concerned because there is an outside commons area near here. Mr. Pritchard said it would not impact the park area because of the ingress and egress locations. Mr. Correll is also concerned about the gas tankers and how they would be entering the property because of the outside commons. Mr. Pritchard said they could place restrictions on the times of deliveries, etc. Ms. Paddick is concerned about the type of pavement used in this area and if it can handle trucks of this size with the additional traffic. She is also concerned about there being enough parking without using city parking. Mr. Martinez noted that there is sufficient on-site parking. Mr. Kraham is concerned about changes to the open commons area and making sure it works if this project goes through. Mr. Martinez reported that the DOT study was sent to the board. They are waiting for comments on it but it can't be voted on until February by the planning commission. Ms. Paddick noted that there are still concerns about the internal traffic and the drive thrus. The other concern is the gas tanks being installed underground and the environmental impact. **Hold until next Traffic Board Meeting, February 13, 2020.**

Lockwood Street. The Traffic Division received a verbal request from Daniel Maerkl, Binghamton DPW Street Supervisor, to insert a No Parking Anytime Zone on the south side of Lockwood Street, at the intersection with West View Terrace. Mr. Maerkl stated that the area is a short zone between the end of that roadway and a driveway just east of it. He further states that if a vehicle parks there, especially when alternate side parking regulations are in effect, it is difficult for his garbage collection work crews to maneuver around that corner. He also requests that West View Terrace be posted for No Parking Anytime on both the east and west sides between Lockwood Street and Green Street. Traffic recommends the following:

“The Traffic Division received a verbal request from Daniel Maerkl, Binghamton DPW Street Supervisor, to insert a No Parking Anytime Zone on the south side of Lockwood Street, at the intersection with West View Terrace. Mr. Maerkl stated that the area is a short zone between the end of that roadway and a driveway just east of it. He further states that if a vehicle parks there, especially when alternate side parking regulations are in effect, it is difficult for his garbage collection work crews to maneuver around that corner. He also requests that West View Terrace be posted for No Parking Anytime on both the east and west sides between Lockwood Street and Green Street.

The Traffic Division, upon following up on the Lockwood Street request, found it to be valid. The area on the south side of Lockwood Street at the intersection with West View Terrace is about twenty-five feet in length from the end of that street, east, to a driveway. It is also part of the intersection. If a vehicle does park there it could create difficulty for two vehicles passing each other in opposite directions, let alone the difficulty created for the DPW garbage truck maneuvering that intersection as described by Mr. Maerkl.

The Traffic Division, in following up on Mr. Maerkl’s request for West View Terrace to be posted for No Parking on both sides of the street, found the request to be valid. At this time it is not signed at all. It is a narrow roadway with several driveways on the east side and a riverbank on the west side. If a vehicle did park there, the street could be considered impassible. In reviewing the Binghamton Traffic Code, West View Terrace is listed for No Parking Anytime, but does not indicate a prohibition for either side of that street. It should be posted for both sides.

The Traffic Division recommends that the Traffic Code be updated as follows

INSERT:

*Section 23 – No Parking Anytime Zone
Lockwood Street – South Side – From the west extended curb line of West View Terrace to sixty-feet east.*

AMEND:

*Section 23 – No Parking Anytime Zone
West View Terrace – Both Sides – From Green Street to Lockwood Street.”*

Motion to amend No Parking Anytime Zone on the east side and west side on West View Terrace from Green Street to Lockwood Street.

Moved by: R. Standish, J. Paddock

Motion carried. (Vote 3-0-2)

Ayes: J. Kraham, R. Standish, J. Paddock

Nays: None

Absent: W. Yeager, P. Strawn

Motion to insert No Parking Anytime Zone on Lockwood - Southside from the west extended curb line of West View Terrace to sixty-feet east.

Moved by: R. Standish, J. Paddock

Motion carried. (Vote 3-0-2)

Ayes: J. Kraham, R. Standish, J. Paddock

Nays: None

Absent: W. Yeager, P. Strawn

Motion to Adjourn at 9:38 a.m.

Moved by: R. Standish, J. Paddock

Motion carried. (Vote 3-0-2)

Ayes: J. Kraham, R. Standish, J. Paddock

Nays: None

Absent: W. Yeager, P. Strawn