



City of Binghamton Traffic Board

Mayor, Jared M. Kraham
Chair, Megan Heiman

MEETING NOTICE

May 12, 2022 - Regular Meeting
City of Binghamton Traffic Board
City Council Chambers, City Hall
9:15 AM

1) Call to order

This meeting was called to order by Megan Heiman at 9:19 a.m.

2) Roll call

Present: Megan Heiman--Executive Assistant to the Mayor, Ron Lake-City Engineer, Dan Maerkl -Deputy Commissioner of Public Works

Absent: Councilperson Sophia Resciniti, John Ryan-Assistant Chief of Police

Also present: Hamza Kahn (call in), Heather Mallanda, Dan Correll, Sgt. Jasmin Mujcic, Leigh Lynch

3) Approval of Minutes from April Meeting

Motion: Ron Lake

Second: Dan Maerkl

Voice Vote: 4,0,1

Absent: 1

1. Project Address or Intersection: 28 Riverside Drive

Applicant: Fawzi Alhahaim

Requested Review: Install driveway cut between 28 and 30 Riverside Drive.

Held over from April 14th meeting when the Traffic Division initially reviewed the request. At concern was the property's layout and the land grade between 28 and 30 Riverside Drive. The first question is, if a driveway was inserted, would there be enough space between the two properties to allow access to get in and out of a vehicle without encroaching on the neighbors property? And the second question is, due to the slope of the land between the two properties would it require that a portion of that slope be graded to level the plot of land for the driveway? If so, would that put structure stress on the 30 Riverside Drive property.

A review by the Engineers Office suggested that the request be denied. It also states that if it were entertained, that a retaining wall be inserted, but then there would be no room for a driveway.

HOLD: It is recommended that Planning follow up.

2. Project Address or Intersection: St. John's School/Livingston Street

Applicant: Katie Stadtmiller

Requested Review: Install speed-bump and flashing cross walk.

Held over from April 14th meeting when Traffic Division initially reviewed the request. At concern was the speed of vehicles traveling on that street and what can be done to slow motorists down.

The Traffic Division forwarded to the DPW Paint Shop a work order to repaint the crosswalk from the east to the west side of Livingston Street, from the school's entrance to the play yard. It also forwarded to the DPW's sign shop to post warning signs in advance of, and at that crosswalk, as well as No Parking Zone signs ten-feet on either side of that crosswalk to alert motorists and not obstruct the line of sight of children crossing. It met with the school's secretary and advised her of the actions taken and of their need to obtain a portable road placement sign to alert motorists of the crossing.

Closed

3. Project Address or Intersection: Crandall Street and Thorp Street

Applicant: Jeremiah Brown

Requested Review: Four Way Stop Signs and Speed Bumps

The Traffic Division updated a review that the applicant requested in June 2021 that was denied. The findings since that study to the present are the same. The request was denied back in 2021 because it did not meet any warrants for a four way stop intersection. It was requested that it continue to be denied at this time. Stop signs are not for speed control and there are no significant incidents of accidents to qualify it for a four way stop intersection.

Denied

Motion: Ron Lake

Second: Dan Maerkl

Voice Vote: 3, 0, 1

Absent: 1

4. Project Address or Intersection: Oak & Gerard

Applicant: Mayor Kraham

Requested Review: No Parking Anytime Zones-Lines of Sight

The Traffic Division reviewed a request from Mayor Jared Kraham to review and upgrade the intersection of Gerard Avenue and Oak Street for any line of sight issues. Upon reviewing the intersection, the Traffic Division found all No Parking signs up and posted except for the east side of Oak Street from Gerard Avenue, south. Due to trees along that curb line and underground water lined, the Traffic Division presented a request to the Traffic Board to insert a No Parking Anytime zone along the east curb line of Oak Street from Gerard Avenue to 78 feet south.

Passed

Motion: Ron Lake
Second: Dan Maerkl
Voice Vote: 3, 0, 1
Absent: 1

5. Project Address or Intersection: Susquehanna Street

Applicant: Mayor Kraham

Requested Review: Review insertion of diagonal parking on Susquehanna Street, south side, from State Street to Washington Street.

The Traffic Division received a request from the Mayor's office to review Susquehanna Street, from Washington Street to State Street to see if diagonal parking could be inserted to replace the parallel parking for additional on street parking. Upon reviewing that street, it was determined that the parallel parking would take up about 18 to 19 feet the width of roadway, leaving less than the ten feet for each of the required and west travel lanes and the one foot center stripe. The roadway is 37 feet wide. The Traffic Division recommends that the request be denied. However, a connecting roadway, State Street extension, from State Street to Susquehanna Street is a twenty foot wide one-way street, south bound, with prohibited parking on both sdes. That stretch of road, about 270 feet long, could accommodate parallel parking without any obstruction.

The Traffic Division, after a review with the Mayor's Office recommend that the Traffic Code be amended as follows:

DELETE: Section 23—No Parking Anytime

State Street Extension—West Side—from State Street to Susquehanna Street.

INSERT: Section 23—No Parking Anytime

State Street Extension—West Side—from 210 feet north of Susquehanna Street to State Street.

Section 24.6—No Parking 2:00 AM to 6:00 AM, Monday-Friday.

State Street Extension—West Side—From 30 feet north of Susquehanna Street to 210 feet north.

Other Business:

A. Project Address: The Grove Restaurant, 65 Court Street

Applicant: Hamza Kahn

Requested Review: Would like additional parking and pick-up zones around new business.

Traffic Division will review.

B. Project Address: 223 Pennsylvania Avenue

Applicant: Heather Mallanda

Requested Review: Speeding in her neighborhood. She lives near the city entrance on a downhill grade and states several thousand vehicles pass her home daily; mose are speeding. She would like a solar speed limint sign moved from its present location closer to her townhouse and raised cross walk from her residence across the road to the mailboxes. She would also like patrol presence to enforce the speed limit.

Traffic Division and BMTS will review.

6. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn: Ron Lake

Second: Dan Maerkl

Voice Vote: 4,0,1

Absent: 1

Time: 10:02 a.m.