

ROCKFORD TRAFFIC COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD

Wednesday, May 11, 2016, 6:00 PM

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mr. George Zawislak at 6:07 PM.

Members Present

Mr. George Zawislak, Chairman
Mr. Leland Carlson, Vice Chairman
Mr. Dock Ward
Mr. Gregg Wilson, Transportation, School District 205
Assistant Deputy Chief Patrick Hoey, Rockford Police Department
Mr. Christopher Tumeo, Rockford Fire Department
Mr. Scott Capovilla, Community Development Department
Mr. Jeremy Carter, Public Works Department

Members Absent

Mr. Fred Lierman
Alderman Teena Newburg, 9th Ward
Mr. Vince McLean, Rockford Mass Transit District
Mr. Michael Dunn Jr, Rockford Metropolitan Agency for Planning

Also Present

Mr. Tim Hinkens, Public Works Department

The minutes of the last regular meeting held on April 13, 2016 were approved as submitted.

The Traffic Commission recommended the following items:

1. Request in the 5th Ward, by City Staff, to establish No Commercial Trucks allowed restriction of Pierpont Avenue from Cunningham Road to 2400 feet south of Cunningham Road (just south of bridge over Levings Lake). (Item was laid over from April Meeting) (J. Carter discussed the item had been laid over to get the ordinance definition of commercial vehicle. J. Carter read the ordinance to the Commission and explained again that the intent was to keep large trucks of the newly reconstructed bridge over Levings Lake. Commission recommended establishing "No Commercial Trucks allowed restriction of Pierpont Avenue from Cunningham Road to 2400 feet south of Cunningham Road (just south of bridge over Levings Lake). Motion by L. Carlson, seconded by S. Capovilla. Voted 7-0)

2. Request in the 1st Ward, by City Staff, to establish Mid-Block Pedestrian Crossing on Potawatomi Trail approximately 650' east of N Bell School Road. (J. Carter explained this request is for a crossing that will be part of a larger path system that comes up from the intersection of State Street and Bell School Road and runs along south side of Potawatomi Trail to the proposed crosswalk then continues east along the north side of Potawatomi Trail and connects to existing sidewalk. Commission recommended establishing a Mid-Block Pedestrian Crossing on Potawatomi Trail approximately 650' east of N Bell School Road. Motion by L. Carlson, seconded by D. Ward. Voted 7-0)

The Traffic Commission recommended taking “No Action” on the following items:

1. Request on the 13th Ward, by Veronica Ortega, 627 Concord Avenue, to establish traffic control at intersection of Concord Avenue and Hudson Street. (Commission discussed the low vehicle volume and that the intersections appeared to have no recent history of accidents. Commission recommended taking no action. Motion by D. Ward, seconded by J. Carter. Voted 7-0)

The Traffic Commission laid over the following items:

1. Request in the 13th Ward, from Alderman Anne Thompson-Kelly, to repeal the existing “No Parking Any Time” restriction on the west side of Irving Avenue from Andrews Street to W Jefferson Street, thus restoring unrestricted parking. (J. Carter asked to have the item laid over to have a chance to receive more surveys from the neighborhood. Commission laid the item over in order to receive more surveys.)

The meeting adjourned at 6:17 PM. Motion by L. Carlson, seconded by J. Carter.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held:

June 8, 2016 6:00 PM.

Rockford City Hall
425 East State Street
2nd floor, Conference Room A

Respectfully submitted,
Jeremy A. Carter, P.E.
Recording Secretary