



**NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC & SAFETY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
June 12, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 7:34 PM by Chairman Santi Condorelli in the Annex of the Verona Community Center.

ROLL CALL

Santi Condorelli, Mary Cooksey-Wilks, Nicole Quick, Jeff Monacelli, Forest Avenue School Principal, David Galbierczyk, HB Whitehorne Principal representing Rui Dionisio, Robert Rowbotham, Albert Rawding, Jennifer DeShazer, Susan DeWitt, Sgt. John Lecreux representing Chief Kiernan and Councilman Jack McEvoy were present.

Louis Knoetig was absent.

New member Jennifer DeShazer introduced herself to the committee.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the April 25, 2019 meeting were approved. Motion Nicole Quick, 2nd Jack McEvoy all in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion

- Jeff Monacelli – Forest Avenue School Principal
- Sends letter to parents at beginning of year explaining pickup & drop off procedures.
- Front of School is drop off only. Jeff is out front to keep things moving along.
- Custodians place cones along front of school in afternoon to prevent parents from parking during pick up times.
- Officer that has been present at school periodically is helping to keep things moving.
- Issue with people crossing from Maple Terrace to front of school.
- Most people follow rules but there are a few who don't.

- Suggestion to possibly put sign in front of school across from Maple Terrace reminding people to go to crossing guard at either Morningside or Marion and not cross mid-block. Have Jack see if Council would give approval for this type of sign and have Jeff get together with Chuck for size, wording and placement.
- Cars parking on Maple Terrace to close to corner at Forest are also an issue. Statement was made that this is an issue all over town.

David Galbierczyk

- Drop off occurs in lot behind Terry's and at the Main Entrance in Civic Center. Some parents do drop off on Bloomfield Ave near Civic Center and also on Gould Street.
- Terry's lot gets a little hectic during dismissal due to large number of cars and kids walking through lot. Have teachers in lot to monitor.
- Cones at Gould St side of Civic Center make it safer for kids going to bike rack as a lot of students ride bikes to school.
- Principal has had a few complaints about it being blocked off as it limits exit from Civic Center. Revisit for September.
- Jack said Rui requested cones there as it makes it safer for students crossing on Gould St.
- Used to have no left turn sign on Bloomfield Ave in front of Civic Center. Can that be put back in September? Sgt. Lecreux stated that is a non-enforceable sign.
- Sign tends to get removed at start of winter due to plowing/salting.
- Traffic on Bloomfield Ave is always bad during school times. Jack stated that county is redoing traffic lights along Bloomfield Ave and believes Verona is on schedule for next year.
- School sends letter to parents at start of school advising them of Drop off/Pick up procedures.

Traffic Count Box on Claremont Ave. See attached for results. Survey was conducted from March 12-18, 2019. Average Speed is 23.46 mph. 85th percentile speed for East Bound Cars is 30.47. Average daily volume east bound is 1316 vehicles.

Question was asked if box can be put on Morningside now that the road has been repaved. Sgt. Lecreux said he would put one there.

Suggestion was made to put the flashing stop sign at Claremont and Otsego to make people more aware of the stop sign at that location. Question was also asked if we can get more of the reflective strips for the stop sign poles.

Question was asked if we can get more of the flashing stop signs. Sgt. Lecreux will look into pricing.

Town participated in Click it or Ticket Grant Program a few weeks ago.

Traffic Calming devices need engineering, are expensive, need upkeep and are noisy. Best speed calming device is Enforcement.

Drive Like Your Kids Live Here signs are good, people seem to see them.

Sgt. Lecreux also offered to run radar with anyone who wants to so they can see how fast cars are actually going. If interested reach out for Sgt. Lecreux at Police Headquarters.

How Fast is to Fast Program is September 10, 2019 at 7:30 PM at the Verona Community Center Ballroom. Need to get out on VTV, Social Media and to School Superintendent to send out to parents.

Will add date, time and place to flyer that Andy gave us.

Jack talked about a light at Fairview and Personette had been approved in the past. Also study will be redone on Fairview at Sampson after construction is complete in Cedar Grove.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM. The next meeting will be Tuesday August 13, 2019 at 7:30 PM - In the first floor conference room at the Verona Community Center.

Respectfully Submitted

Susan DeWitt
Secretary