

CITY OF TWINSBURG
SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES
November 14, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Maureen Stauffer.

ROLL CALL

Present: Seth Rodin, Maureen Stauffer, Jo-Ann McFearin

Also Present: Municipal Engineer Amy Mohr, Public Works Director Chris Campbell, Mayor Ted Yates, Asst. Fire Chief Steve Bosso, Councilperson Brian Steele, Law Director David Maistros

ABSENT MEMBERS

Police Chief Christopher Noga

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- No public participation

GLENWOOD/91 ROUNDABOUT/LINE STRIPING

- Amy Mohr stated that she and Mayor Ted Yates have been in consultation with MTJ (a roundabout consultant specialist) reviewing the existing roundabout as well as the proposed roundabout as to what improvements could be made. The biggest discussion was signage. In regards to pedestrian signage, they recommend changing the pedestrian sign to a different type of pedestrian sign that is similar to what they have down in Hudson which reinforces the yield sign. These signs would be lower and that would decrease the sign noise.
- Amy Mohr spoke with ODOT and they are good with the City doing changes and implementing the new signage to the Glenwood and 91 roundabout. Amy Mohr will distribute a final report from MTJ to Council once it gets out of draft form. Looking at implementing the same type of signage at the proposed roundabout as well.
- Updating the lane striping at the roundabout was discussed as well. They came up with a number of options for striping adjustments. Could function as a one lane roundabout. One of the things that they are looking at differs from the Ohio Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices. What they are looking at is a harder “yield” line as you enter the roundabout. Ran a few scenarios using computer modeling and what The MTJ consultant is proposing is to make the inside lane smaller and the outer lane wider. Looking to add medians/ adjusting splitter island to the roundabout as well. In the interim they will be reducing the roundabout to one lane operation and extending the island out to narrow the use of the inner lane and putting in a quick curb forcing right hand lane to go right with a strong “stop” bar. This would be for the short term. Waiting on the final report. The Meadowood roundabout would be similar.
- The lights and buttons are fully functional for pedestrian traffic. Traffic is supposed to stop when the red light is displayed for a pedestrian to cross.
- Vehicles in the CVS parking lot seem to be a distraction going through the roundabout. Some residents would like to see some tall trees or fencing that would conceal the traffic in the CVS parking lot.
- Once a final report is received, then they will get estimates/quotes and present them to Council. Changes are weather dependent to get these issues addressed. Everything has to fall in line with equipment, materials, etc. being available.

- Maureen Stauffer mentioned about possibly getting video cameras set up at the roundabout, or more of a police presence up in that area, to help deter accidents and watch the traffic. Drone video has already been taken and sent to the specialists to analyze. The Mayor said he could talk to Chief Christopher Noga to see what he could do as far as police presence and monitoring of that area.
- They will also be removing the “Share the Road” signs since there was a consensus that the Share the Road signs do not provide any additional safety benefit to cyclists. They will mark each of the signs to be removed with red tape for the Service department to remove. Amy Mohr will follow up to make sure removal of signs get done.

SIGNAL TIMING

- Timing of traffic signals on 91 and 82 as well as a number of other locations along route 82 was discussed. There have been complaints regarding traffic issues. A proposal of doing another timing study analysis was forwarded to Police Chief Christopher Noga. Three zones to be looked at are the downtown zone – 11 signals from Hadden/Wilcox area to Cannon/Ravenna Road/91 and Ravenna, the southern zone – 10 signals (Creekside to Old Mill), as well as the Rt. 82 zone – 4 signals (Canyon Falls to Chamberlin Road area). Amy Mohr has asked the TPD to give her a quote to do a traffic study and timing analysis that includes traffic counts. Quote was \$34,500 to do all of those intersections. Legislation has not yet been written up. If this is to move forward she can write up Legislation to present to Council. Funding is available to do this study, but the necessity of this study was questioned. The question was approached to see if the study should be done now or wait until the downtown area is redeveloped. Mayor Ted Yates said that a traffic study would eventually have to be done but suggested to wait. This issue was put on hold for the time being.

POLICE PUBLIC EDUCATION

- Police public education and truck traffic signs issues were put on hold since Chief Christopher Noga was on scene and not able to attend this meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS

- Storm sirens concerns were discussed. The Mayor mentioned that he and Assistant Chief Steve Bosso had a debriefing in reaction to the recent storm. Very proud of all departments. Did a very good and professional job. Some residents were questioning if the sirens should have gone off for a microburst. Don’t want to alarm residents unnecessarily. The recording cut off early and did not record the remainder of this meeting.

SCHEDULE OF NEXT MEETING

- Next meeting is scheduled for . Was not able to insert as recording was cut off.

ADJOURNMENT

- Maureen Stauffer adjourned the meeting.