

## Warsaw Traffic Safety Commission

Wednesday, October 2, 2013

1:00 p.m.

A scheduled meeting of the Warsaw Traffic Safety Commission was held Wednesday, October 2, 2013, at 1:00 p.m. at the Warsaw Police Department. **Voting members in attendance were: Joel Beam, Cindy Dobbins, Mike Klondaris, Dan Robinson, Greg Schroeder, and Kip Shuter.** Absent voting members: **Steve Foster.** Ex-Officio members in attendance: Mayor Thallemer, Lacy Francis, Jeremy Skinner and Scott Whitaker. Also in attendance was reporter; Jennifer Peryam, Times-Union. Assistant City Planner Tom Dombrosky, and Pill Box owners Bill and Greg Winn were present.

Kip Shuter called the meeting to order.

Minutes of the August 7, 2013 Traffic Commission meeting were approved. Greg Schroeder made motion, seconded by Mike Klondaris.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Park Ridge No Parking** – The Park Ridge home owners association sent an email that advised that they would attempt to take care of this matter on their own. No further action will be taken.
2. **Railroad Crossings** – Mayor Thallemer provided information that INDOT has selected the Pope Street, Winona Avenue, and Market Street railroad crossing for safety upgrades. Work should be completed by late 2014 or early 2015.
3. **Downtown Parking** - The commission discussed the confusion that people are having with understanding where free or 2 hour parking is located. The commission discussed color coded signage and way finding signage. The Buffalo Street city lot will also be clearly re-signed to accommodate lease, 2 hour, free, and resident parking. City planning will handle the details.

### NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Lincoln Street Parking** – Kip Shuter reported that an August meeting between Lincoln School and city administration discussed multiple safety issues regarding Lincoln Street. Parent pickup/drop off has been changed to prevent multiple points of conflict. Traffic cones are being used to separate the driving lane from the school lane. Also discussed was the amount of walkers and bikers. To improve the safety along Lincoln Street, current ordinance allows for a reduction of speed limit. Lincoln Street has also been identified as a bicycle route to connect the Beyer Farm trail with Market Street. The street width is wide enough to accommodate the lane and would also serve as a traffic calming device. Greg Schroeder motioned to remove parking on the east side of Lincoln Street between Center and Sheridan Streets. Kip Shuter seconded. Motion passed. Kip will send a letter to all the property owners and will draft the ordinance for city council.
2. **Dubois Drive Review** – The commission was presented with a request from Pill Box owner Bill Winn to review the city's decision to convert Dubois Drive to a one-way. Kip Shuter provided crash data and also traffic count data from MACOG (see attached). Before the change in June 2010, in the 3 years prior, 6 crashes occurred at Dubois and Parker and 4 at Dubois and Provident. In the 3 years after, zero crashes occurred at Dubois and Parker and 7 at Dubois and Provident. Daily traffic dropped approx. 2,600 since the change. Bill and Greg Winn advised that they never anticipated the drastic effect it has made on their business. They presented 2 options (see attached) of a public street that could connect from Dubois to Parker, much like the private road that they have installed. The Winn's acknowledged that changing to one-way did improve the Dubois and Parker intersection and they would not reverse the change. The options presented are actually a planning issue and the city will further discuss those options with the Winn's. No action taken by the traffic commission.
3. **Market at Harrison Stop Sign Request** – The commission was provided with a request to install a stop sign for Market Street at the Harrison Street intersection. The request comes following a March 2013 crash where a vehicle ended up in the yard where they have children that play in the yard. Kip Shuter provided crash data that only shows 6 crashes in the past 4 years with a max of only 2 in any

year period (see attached). The crash data also does not indicate a pattern for any particular issue. Also provided was traffic count data that shows a 65-35% split in volumes with the higher being the Market Street volume (see attached). Kip Shuter presented the MUTCD standards which none of the data support. Greg Schroeder motioned to deny the request. Second by Joel Beam. Motion passed.

The next regular scheduled meeting is November 6, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. Kip Shuter adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kip L. Shuter". The signature is stylized and cursive, with the first name "Kip" and last name "Shuter" clearly legible.

Kip L. Shuter