

Warsaw Traffic Safety Commission

Wednesday, May 2, 2018

1:00 p.m.

A scheduled meeting of the Warsaw Traffic Safety Commission was held Wednesday, May 2, 2018, at 1:00 p.m. at the Warsaw City Police Department. **Voting members in attendance were Steve Foster, Captain Joel Beam, Jack Wilhite, David Robertson, Sergeant Lewis Fuller, Jeff Beeler, Cindy Dobbins, and Jeremy Skinner.** Additionally, in attendance were Dennis Sheward, Greg Cobb, Frank McCutcheon, Justin Taylor (Planning), and Lasca Randels (Ink Free News). Ex-Officio members in attendance were James Emans and Mayor Joseph Thallemer.

Steve Foster called the meeting to order.

ORAL OR WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

1. A motion was made to approve the minutes of the March 2018 meeting by Jack Wilhite; seconded by Cindy Dobbins with no oppositions.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Oath of Offices were administered by Mayor Joseph Thallemer for the following individuals: Steve Foster, and Jeff Beeler.
2. Regarding the bike lane proposal, Justin Taylor advised it has been decided this year to focus strictly on the area adjacent to Lincoln Elementary School. He added that was the area the City received the grant for sidewalk improvements to encourage students to walk within a mile of school. He further stated there is currently a project to improve the walkability and accessibility for students near Colfax and Clark Streets. Park Avenue is another area where signage would be installed instead of Sharrows. This would direct cycle traffic north on Park Avenue or south to Market Street instead of having cyclists trying to negotiate 15. Jeff Beeler stated Main Street can be painted for the bike lanes; however, he advised the sidewalk project on Fort Wayne Street would begin in 2021 and painting the road should wait until then. Additionally, there will be no parking removed and no parking permitted where these bike lanes are proposed. Justin advised he needs to set up a meeting with Lincoln Elementary School to discuss the placement of the crossings in that area.
3. Greg Cobb from Freedom Oil provided a traffic impact study. Dennis Sheward from T&W along with Frank McCutcheon, the traffic engineer, were present to answer questions reference placing a Freedom Oil fueling station at US 30 and CR 150 W. Greg Cobb stated the traffic study and proposal does not include a truck stop; just a fueling station and convenience store like his business on Argonne Road. He added the proposal was for a right in and right out onto 150 W with the main entrance off Executive Drive. There will be two ways into the location in case of emergencies. Frank McCutcheon stated the fueling station is not a heavy traffic generator. He also stated he sent INDOT a model of the intersection. There was also discussion about the left turn lane and one would have to be added at some point. Frank was asked if any consideration was taken for the expansion of the Tech Park. He stated the traffic study was current and that it would be far busier when other businesses are built in the area. There was discussion that improvements will need to be made as development continues to occur and there is no