

## Warsaw Traffic Safety Commission

Wednesday, July 10, 2019

1:00 p.m.

A scheduled meeting of the Warsaw Traffic Safety Commission was held Wednesday, July 10, 2019, at 1:00 p.m. at the Warsaw City Council Chambers. **Voting members in attendance were Connie Fribley, Steve Foster, Jack Wilhite, Jeff Beeler, Sergeant Lewis Fuller, and Jeremy Skinner** Voting members absent **Captain Joel Beam, Cindy Dobbins and David Robertson** Ex-Officio members in attendance were Mayor Joe Thallemer and Chief Scott Whitaker. James Emans was not present. Also in attendance from Warsaw Community Schools were Jim LeMaster and Mark Fick, David Slone (Times-Union), and Laska Randels (Ink Free News).

Steve Foster called the meeting to order.

### ORAL OR WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

1. Minutes of April 10, 2019 meeting approved. Motioned by Jeremy Skinner, seconded by Connie Fribley.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Traffic control ordinance is in final draft, additional change from **Section 74-130 Three-Way Stops** to **All Way Stops**, as recommended by MUTCD

### NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Husky Trail:** Mayor Thallemer gave an overview pointing out that Husky Trail is an arterial road. Mayor Thallemer further stated that meetings with Warsaw Community School officials continue in OUR efforts to work together in establishing and maintaining safe crossings for school children. Traffic direction, speed limit, crossing-guards, signs, lights, Hawk Crossing System, enforcement and policies are some of the areas being discussed. Not limited to Harrison Elementary, all school crossings. Sgt Lewis Fuller and Chief Scott Whitaker provided speed summary report(s) for January 2018 and June 2019. **Attached**  
Sgt Lewis Fuller it was noted that of the 119 accidents reported 48 occurred on private property, with 34 accidents occurring at the Parker Street and Husky Trail location, also presented Husky Trail accident data for 2014 through 2019. Speed Summary Report for January 4, 2019 through January 10, 2019 showed an average speed of 34.51 mph. June 18, 2019 through June 23, 2019 the average speed was 35.98 mph. Husky Trail is a 35 mph zone. Sgt Fuller also reported on the Indiana Code for crosswalks and referred to possible city ordinance created so that violators may be ticketed. Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP) has been contacted. Helpers project manager Laura Slusher, PE will try to conclude her independent investigation by month's end. Jeremy Skinner City Planner commented that each road construction project takes into account all traffic, including pedestrian and bicyclist.  
Jim LeMaster, Warsaw Community Schools reported similar observations and concerns regarding crosswalk at Lakeview Middle School. Distracted driving was noted.  
Sarah Lenfesty a concerned citizen spoke of the HAWK system giving a description of operation and how she understands that a traffic signal would cause backups. She spoke

to children who thought security cameras would be helpful. Mayor Thallemer summarized that Policy, Enforcement and Awareness are the challenges.

**2. Stop Signs:**

- a.** Stop sign to be installed at the Northwest corner of Adams and Durbin Street. (South bound traffic)
- b.** Stop sign to be installed at the Northeast corner of Gilliam Avenue and Park Avenue. (West bound traffic)
- c.** Stop sign to be installed at the Southeast corner of Gilliam Avenue and Arthur Street. (North bound traffic)

**Other Matter that may come before the Board**

1. Parking West Market

Jim Mitica 752 West Center Street, Eiler Electronics building, stated that he has no parking. Requested that traffic commission consider making Center Street one-way west from Columbia Street to the Boggs Industrial Park entrance. Market Street would be one-way East from Boggs Industrial Park to Columbia Street. Mr. Mitica feels that this would provide for more parking and a safer for traffic.

The next regular scheduled meeting – August 7, 2019

Meeting Adjourned.