

**TRAFFIC REVIEW COMMITTEE MINUTES
CITY OF FORT ATKINSON
CONFERENCE ROOM, POLICE DEPARTMENT
MARCH 9, 2017 - 2:00 p.m.**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Selle at 2:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Police Department.

Members Present: Andy Selle, Jeff Armstrong, Adrian Bump, Rudy Bushcott, Kent Smith and Davin Lescohier

Members Absent: None

Others Present: None

1. Motion to approve the Minutes of the December 15, 2016 meeting made by Lescohier, second by Armstrong. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

2. Parking Requests: None.

3. Speed Limit Reviews:

a. Wilson Avenue – Riverside Drive to Elsie Street

Resident Don Bladorn was in attendance and described the increased speed of traffic along Wilson Avenue. Three other residents had expressed concern about traffic speeds in addition to Mr. Bladorn. Bump indicated only one citation in the last several years has been issued along Wilson Avenue in the area of interest for failing to make a proper stop. Selle indicated Wilson is a collector street to get traffic up to the NW part of town. He would prefer not to add stop signs in these areas, as this has not been done along Sherman Avenue under similar circumstances. Lescohier asked if the large trucks noted by residents was a temporary situation associated with demolition of facilities on Wilson Avenue. Bladorn indicated construction traffic for his demolition project would be ongoing for another two weeks. Bump said the temporary radar could be placed along the stretch this spring coupled with additional police presence and observation should be able to curtail any actual or perceived issues. All agreed this approach would be appropriate.

4. Traffic Signal Reviews:

a. UPDATE – Controlled intersection at Madison Avenue and Reena Avenue.

Bushcott said the traffic counts for Reena and Madison Avenues were complete, and unfortunately did not meet the warrants provided by the State for a signal. The problem was that we had lowered the speed limit along Madison Avenue,

which in turn increases the warrant limits. In addition, because there was a right turn lane on Reena, however small, all traffic turning right onto Madison Avenue was excluded from the count. A phone meeting with DOT was scheduled for Friday, March 10 with Selle to understand the next steps, as a light is badly needed at that intersection given the proposed development to the North.

- b. UPDATE – Janesville Avenue at Jones Park and Bike Path – Request for Pedestrian Improvements.

Selle indicated the Jones Park crossing has been discussed recently by a number of people and the crossing must be a stop sign type crossing in order to avoid possible safety issues with four lanes of traffic not stopping for pedestrians. Bump indicated a similar sign exists in Grafton, Wisconsin that is activated by pedestrians and stops traffic in both directions using a yellow then red light. Signals are placed on a trombone arm across the lanes of traffic. Armstrong indicated costs for this approach may increase, but all agreed it would be a safer alternative to using yellow flashing indicators. Bump indicated the location of the crossing should be moved further north to avoid conflicts with Jones Dairy Farm entrance and the entrance to the parking lot for Jones Park. All agreed it was a good idea and avoids having to stop traffic in four directions. Selle moved to install the arrangement as discussed (pedestrian activated red lights) in the location discussed (just north of the entrance to Jones Park) as soon as possible. Budget remains around \$10,000-\$12,000. Bump made a second. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Miscellaneous:

- a. Request to extend let turn lane divider at Whitewater Ave. NB/South Third St.

Selle presented evidence that the turn lane at Whitewater Avenue could be pushed further south and still maintain a minimum 12 foot lane with for two lanes. Bump moved to approve the change. Lescohier seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Adjournment:

Armstrong moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:01 p.m. Bump seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Andy Selle