

Town of Mansfield Traffic Authority
Minutes of the Meeting – October 23, 2012

Present: Hultgren, Painter, Meitzler, Cournoyer

The meeting was convened at 10:37 AM. The minutes of the September 25, 2012, September 29, 2012 and October 2, 2012 meetings were reviewed and no corrections made.

Ravine Road traffic – no progress. DOT will have to be contacted again for an updated status report.

Route 275 pedestrian/bicycle concerns – no progress. DOT will have to be contacted again for an updated status report.

Route 89 at Mt. Hope Road –Hultgren will communicate to the DOT project manager that the Town is still interested in improving sight distance at this intersection.

Willowbrook Road traffic future traffic concerns – Meitzler reiterated that there is very little traffic on this road at present and the Engineering Division had several high-priority and promised projects that he had to spend his time working on. As time permits later this year he will try to sketch out some ideas for potential intersection restrictors.

Employee parking areas in the Town Hall parking lots – A request for special dispensation from one employee who wanted to park closer to the building because of age was discussed. Members felt that such consideration should be offered only to the truly handicapped and disabled, and the employee should seek this designation if qualified, thus making the designated handicapped spaces available for his/her use.

Speed hump request for Davis Road – Another round of speed data will be obtained by the DPW (previous speed data showed that Davis Road did not meet the criteria for speed humps).

Speed hump request for Pleasant Valley Road – Pleasant Valley Road is a collector road and therefore does not meet the criteria for speed humps.

Speed enforcement on Route 89 (Warrenville Road) – this area has been recently targeted for enforcement and the enforcement reports have been sent to the members of the Traffic Authority for information purposes. Cournoyer said this activity will continue in the near future.

Codfish Falls speed concerns – A request for additional speed signs was discussed, but not acted on as members felt that additional signs on this road would not influence the drivers that were speeding there. There are several curves that limit speed in this section. Cournoyer said he would have the speed enforcement officers check this location near the requesting parties residences (#164 & #211). Hultgren said he advised the requestors to get vehicle descriptions and time of day of the vehicles' passing to aid the police in targeting their enforcement.

Whispering Glen Apartment PZC referral (Meadowbrook Lane) – Painter showed the new (2012) plans which were a change from the 2008 approved plans. The additional traffic from the proposed development will not impact the level of service on Meadowbrook Lane and the sight distances are good at this location. Members agreed that improved pedestrian access(es) along the frontage as well as offsite should be requested of the developer.

Safety concerns on Route 195 near Birchwood Heights on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights due to many students congregating in front of the fraternity houses on the east side of the highway – Several Mansfield residents have complained that this area is not safe late on the weekends due to many student pedestrians. As this area is on a state highway, the Authority voted to send this to the DOT for study and recommendations.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:05 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lon Hultgren
Director of Public Works