

Chairman: Toby Turner

Members Present: Lisa Ridge, Paul White Sr., Amanda Turnipseed, Reed Adams

Members Absent: Joe Goss, Brad Swain

Staff: Paul Satterly (Highway Engineer), Ginger Henson (Secretary), Johnathan Stewart (TSD)

Guests: Les Hartsock – HOA President, Matthew Spartz, Andi Patterson, Debbie Ramsey

I. CALL TO ORDER

Toby Turner called the June 17, 2021 meeting of the Monroe County Traffic Commission to order at 1:30 p.m. (Location: Virtual ZOOM).

II. LAST MEETING MINUTES

Paul White sent an email to Ginger with a notation to correct page 3 paragraph 2. It said Curry Road was closest to the Airport Road and that should be Kirby Road. Ginger has already made the correction.

Lisa makes a motion to approve the meeting minutes with the changes made for May 20, 2021. Paul White seconded the Motion. Vote: Aye (Unanimous). Motion carried.

III. NEW BUSINESS

No Parking Request for Woodmere Court Cul-de-sac

Paul Satterly said we received this request from Marsai Hayslip due to cars parking in the cul-de-sac blocking mailboxes and driveways and preventing emergency and lawn care vehicles from getting through. Paul went out to take a look a couple of times to see what was going on. On June 2nd there were 2 cars parked on the cul-de-sac including a Volkswagen that looks inoperable. He recommends we do what was done when we had the same thing on Daffodil and Monarch Courts where we installed a “Do not block driveways and mailboxes” sign on those streets as it seems to help quite a bit. He recommends we start out with that and see how things work and maybe go to a parking prohibition if that is not effective. He also recommends removal of the inoperable vehicle. Lisa asked if those signs were enforceable by the Sheriff’s Department. They are not. Paul said it’s more for advice than enforceable.

Toby invited resident input. Lisa asked if he would like for IT to time them 3 minutes as that is typically what is done at other meetings. Toby said that would be great and he believes there will be a chime when the 3 minutes is up. Toby asked if that was something that would show up on the screen. Lisa said it should. She asked Jonathan with IT if he could do that. He said he did not have the software so Lisa will keep track of time. Toby will go around to see who he doesn’t recognize and call on each of them to speak up to 3 minutes. He asked Matthew and Les if they have something to say.

Les Hartsock is the HOA President of Woodhaven Estates. He thinks they need something enforceable. He has received piles of tickets from the Post Office where they refuse to deliver the mail because of vehicles blocking the mail boxes and it doesn’t seem to get any better so he would like to see something enforceable as the No Parking which was suggested in the first place. Toby asked him to verify that he just wants this specific area made No Parking, just the cul-de-sac. That is correct.

Toby invited Debbie Ramsey to speak. There was no reply. Toby invited Andi to speak on the subject. Andi's concern is what to do if they have parties, or get-togethers, or holidays. It isn't convenient for all of their guests to park in the driveway. They can only fit 2 or maybe a maximum of 4 if everyone pulls in correctly. There may be an occasion when someone needs to park on the street so having someone ticketed just because someone doesn't like it on that particular day isn't really a good reason. She understands on a regular basis, but not on holidays or family get-togethers so she doesn't see that the ordinance would be worth it. Toby went back to Debbie Ramsey, just in case she had technical difficulties earlier, still no response.

Toby asked if there was any discussion from the Traffic Commission members. Lisa asked if the problem was with all the residents in the cul-de-sac or is the problem with just one resident that has like eight cars as per the packet documents. Les said there are 5 pieces of property on the one cul-de-sac, so you have 5 driveways and 5 mailboxes and they really shouldn't be parking there, but then you have one that has 7 or 8 cars who parks everywhere and then everyone receives notices from the post office, we have tons of these notices, where they didn't deliver the mail because people parked in front of the mailboxes.

Lisa asked if he knows what the covenant says. Les replied the covenant says that you're not supposed to park in front of the driveways or mailboxes and in the cul-de-sac, there isn't any more space, so unless you're parking up the street, you're going to be in front of somebody's mailbox or in front of the driveway. Toby asked Les if he has tried enforcing their covenants and restrictions. Les said that's the rules, but he's not running around trying to write tickets or anything, no. Toby asked if it was correct that they have a Homeowner's Association. It is. Toby asked if there is a fee to be part of the HOA. Yes, there is, the dues are \$125.00/year.

Toby asked if Les if he has the ability to find the folks parking in the cul-de-sac. One of Les' issues is that the people that have 7 or 8 cars are renting so they have no intentions of really following the rules because they don't own the property. Toby asked, what about the property owners, do they have any intention of making the tenants follow the rules. Les said Jeff Jones doesn't pay much attention to that. Andi asked which property is it. Les doesn't know the exact address. Andi doesn't think Jeff Jones owns the property on the cul-de-sac. Wes said he did until recently. Andi stated if Les contacted the new owner, they will probably let their lessees know and then you would be done with that; they wouldn't park on the street.

Lisa said, so we don't know which property this is. Les, said no, why don't we put the no parking signs up. Lisa said sometimes what happens with a situation like that, they're just going to park in front of everybody else's driveway coming up the street. That's what we typically run into a lot of times, so Lisa is wondering if we could just find out who the owner is of that home, especially since it's a new person and try and work with them that we are considering passing a no parking ordinance. Andi would like to know the address. 3838 Woodmere Court was sold by Jeff Jones to Linda McCracken who she represents so she could make sure that her lessees know if that is the property causing the issue. That is what she would like to know because they have not received any notices or anything so they had no idea this was an issue.

Ginger informed everyone, we only have 2 addresses that are owed by people that do not live in the neighborhood. That's the 3827 and 3838 Woodmere Court. Lisa asked Andi what she means that she represents Linda. Andi explained that Linda is in her 80's, she doesn't know how to zoom and she just gets confused. But Andi knows that they have not received any letters or anything like that from anyone stating that their renters have been parking in the street or causing any kind of issue. If they knew, they would certainly take care of it. Toby said that's great information.

Lisa asked if we can Table this for a month or two and see if the problem clears up and if not, bring it back. Toby really thinks that the HOA needs to make some sort of effort to enforce their covenants and restrictions because he is very sympathetic to people having visitors as we spoke about before on holidays, etc. Les, said since we have the person here that represents the owner, can she take care of this now. Andi, said absolutely, but she doesn't think Linda even knows that there is an HOA. She asked her about it the other day and she didn't know that she was to be paying any HOA dues, so if Les could provide the contact information for the HOA, she'd be happy to make sure those get paid and then also address anything that needs to be addressed regarding the renters. Andi asked Les to get a letter out to Linda and let her respond if their renters were the problem. Les agreed.

Ginger provided Les with Linda's address as well as Highlife's address, so he could send them a letter as well since there are 2 properties that are owned by outsiders (people outside the community) and it was unknown which tenants were causing the issue. Les acquiesced.

Linda Mccracken
114 Oak Lane
Bedford, IN 47421

Highlife LLC
2512 E 7th Street
Bloomington, IN 47408

Toby asked if there was any further discussion or if he could hear a motion. Paul White said, he does not particularly like parking in a cul-de-sac because it impedes people trying to go around in circles to get out of there. But he doesn't like to prohibit people who need to be there for a short time from parking either.

Toby encouraged Les to have inoperable vehicles addressed by a different route, he's sure there are covenant restrictions that address that. Les could address that not only with the property owners, but with the Planning Department or Sheriff's Department as well. He thinks vehicles can only sit there for so long, and they get stickered and then they can be towed. He's not positive about that, but if Les addressed that with the Planning Department or Sheriff's Department they could help him with those guidelines especially if the vehicle is not plated or the plates are expired. That is not a place to leave a vehicle so that can be pursued in a different way.

Lisa asked Ginger to make sure Andi had her contact information in case she needs to follow up on anything after talking to the property owner. Ginger confirmed she has her email.

Paul White makes a motion to Table this item for at least one month to give the HOA President time to contact the two landlords involved to see if the issue can be resolved. Lisa seconded the Motion. Vote: Aye (Unanimous). Motion carried.

IV. OTHER DISCUSSION

None

V. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: July 15, 2021

VI. ADJOURNMENT: 1:50 PM