

Chairman: Toby Turner

Members Present: Lisa Ridge, Paul White Sr., Amanda Turnipseed, Reed Adams, Russell Brummett, Joe Goss

Members Absent: Reed Adams

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

Guests: Ameer Beitvashahi (Highlands), Andi Patterson (Woodmere)

I. CALL TO ORDER

Toby Turner called the September 16, 2021 meeting of the Monroe County Traffic Commission to order at 1:30 p.m. (Location: Virtual ZOOM).

II. LAST MEETING MINUTES

Russell makes a motion to approve the meeting minutes for August 19, 2021. Lisa seconded the Motion. Vote: 7 Ayes (Unanimous). Motion carried.

III. NEW BUSINESS

Approval to Post Radar Speed Signs in Highlands Subdivision

Paul Satterly received a request to install a solar powered speed monitoring sign in the Highlands Subdivision on Wickens Drive. That's on the portion that comes down the hill on the eastern part of the subdivision. The request was made by the neighborhood association. The only comments he has is that the sign should be mounted on at least a two inch by two inch square post with an anchor base similar to how we mount our street signs and the bottom of the sign should be at least six feet off the ground. Our preference is not to display a speed over 20 miles an hour, but instead display a message stating "Slow Down" or "Too Fast" or whatever the options might be on the sign.

Toby asked if Paul Satterly has spoken to them and that was how he came up with those recommendations. He did. He based those recommendations on what they had proposed in the package that they provided with the request. It is Toby's understanding that they (the neighborhood association) will be doing this at their cost. Paul Satterly confirmed that is correct. They (the neighborhood association) would also be responsible for the maintenance as well as the removal when it is no longer operational. Toby asked if they are wanting to install it between the curb and the sidewalk. Paul Satterly confirmed that is correct, it would be within the right-of-way.

Russell asked if that was coming down into the addition in a westerly direction. Paul Satterly said it would be north or northwest depending on where it is installed on the curve. We have a speed limit sign in that area, but he doesn't remember the exact location. Russell knows they have complained for years about the speed. He goes through there quite often as well. There are a lot of kids out playing and a lot of people out walking in that area.

Lisa invited the requestor to speak. Ameer said he is taking notes on all of those recommendations and will be happy to take all of those recommendations.

Lisa makes a motion to APPROVE the radar speed sign on Wickens Street subject to the Highway Engineer's recommendations for installation and/or removal of the sign. Russell seconded the Motion. Vote: 7 Ayes (Unanimous). Motion carried.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

No Parking Request for Woodmere Court Cul-de-sac

We are bringing back a Tabled item for a no parking request for Woodmere Court Cul-de-sac. Ginger has a couple of comments. First, she has not received any complaints since the last meeting, however; she did hear from one of the renters a couple of days ago letting me know that there shouldn't have been any complaints in the last two months because evidently he was the culprit. He had two grown daughter's living with him and they have moved out and they were the ones that had the vehicle with the flat tire and it has been moved.

If Toby remembers correctly, we had the petitioner try to reach out to the property owner and that property had changed some hands maybe recently and it sounds like they've got something done that has taken care of the situation. Ginger stated we have an Andi Patterson present, she believes she is here to speak about the Woodmere Court. Toby asked if Andi had any comments.

Andi said they still have not received a notice stating which property is causing the issue. She is speaking for Linda McCracken who owns 3838. Even though they still haven't received any notice, they did talk to the tenants and told them to remove the cars from the street, put them in the driveway. If there are any cars that are not movable or usable to get them off of the street. But, they haven't heard anything from the Homeowner's Association at all so they have no idea what's happening with that or why this is even still on the table.

Lisa explained we just tabled this from that meeting to see if the problem could get resolved. Since this is a Board, we don't leave any unfinished business out there, so we bring it back to either approve or deny it so it can be closed out.

Lisa makes a motion to DENY the No Parking request for Woodmere Court Cul-de-sac. Paul White seconded the Motion. Vote: 7 Ayes (Unanimous). Motion carried.

IV. OTHER DISCUSSION

Forest Park Drive

Amanda has a question. She knows Lisa has probably had a few communications about this and she hasn't submitted a request, but there's some large overgrowth along Highway 46 at Forest Park Drive and she thinks there is some disagreement over whose area it is to cut back. Lisa said it is INDOT right-of-way. Lisa has put in some requests herself to get it mowed and she has received some texts from Marty. She thinks the State has started contracting out their mowing. She will try and reach out to someone. Toby interjected that Nick or Teresa Galyan is who she would want to contact. Lisa will put in another call and inform them that we have received numerous complaints.

Windfrey Estates

Russell received an email from a lady that lives in Windfrey Estates. This is down off of 446. I guess they are using the small cul-de-sac or road as a parking spot to go into the Hoosier National Forest. Lisa said we had this on the agenda. We've sent letters to the property owners. She's had multiple phone calls with the Commissioner's Office and the Planning Department. The person

that keeps requesting this no parking does not live on the street. We had people that actually live on that cul-de-sac to come to the meeting or send in letters and they said they do not have a parking issue. This has been going on for months. Lisa has been on multiple ZOOM meeting with that requestor. We sent letters to everyone that lived in that vicinity as well as to people on Windmere because we figured the problem would move up there. Russell asked for confirmation that she is not living there. Lisa said she does not live on the street that she is complaining about. The actual property owners are kind of scared of her and didn't even want to discuss it because of the ramifications from her. Paul said she also put up her own no parking signs and video monitoring and we took all of those down. They were mounted to our street signs. Russell thanked everyone for the information.

V. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: October 21, 2021

VI. ADJOURNMENT: 1:44 PM