

Village of Colonie
Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting
June 13, 2019
6:30 p.m.

There was a meeting of the Village of Colonie Traffic Advisory Committee, held on June 13, 2019 at the Village Hall, 2 Thunder Road, Albany, NY 12205. The meeting started at 6:30 p.m.

Chairman Prevratil called the meeting to order with a salute to the flag.

Those Present: Chairman, Mr. Frank Prevratil
Mr. George Lashoff
Mr. Daniel Hornick
Mr. Les Samiof
Mr. Dan Judge
Mr. John Gillivan
Secretary, Julianne Okun
Colonie PD Officer, Brian Curran
Liaison, Deputy Mayor Edward Sim (Absent)
Kevin France, DPW Traffic Advisor

Ms. Marcia Neufeld – 75 Locust Park

The minutes from May 9, 2019 were tabled until the next meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Ms. Okun stated there have been various requests from residents throughout the Village for the “Drive Like Your Kids Live Here” signs. Requested streets include Lanci Lane, Bridle Path, and Myers Court. Mr. Judge brought up the possibility of giving signs to residents who request them, whether or not they are on the docket for the next set of streets. Ms. Okun suggested they wait to make a decision on singular signs until Deputy Mayor Sim is present at the next meeting and able to give his input.

Ms. Marcia Neufeld stated she was happy to see the signs out, but stated they do not work, as there are still speeders up and down Locust Park. Mr. France suggested, as the Village has quite a number of signs, to do 2 streets at once, a North street and a South street. Mr. Judge also stating focus should be on the cut through streets as well. Ms. Okun suggested that the committee could put out an ad in the quarterly Villager asking residents to contact Village Hall to request their street for the signs.

A discussion was held regarding dirt bikes on Barker Drive. Mr. Gillivan noted that while he was canvassing Red Fox for the street signs, a few residents voiced their concerns about dirt bikes that speed up and down Barker and Red Fox. Mr. Gillivan suggested a 4-way stop sign for Barker and Red Fox. Mr. Hornick stated that would have to go through a process and meets the warrants for the state. Officer Curran said he would find out which house is the house with the dirt bikes and discuss these above mentioned concerns with the owner of the property.

NEW BUISNESS:

Mr. France stated that Hunting Road has been restriped and there has been multiple stop signs on the 4-way stop signs on Locust and Hunting. Chairman Prevratil asked if there could ever be a street light at the intersection of Sand Creek and Hunting Road. He stated that because there is going to be more traffic because of the new Afrim's as well as the new senior apartments, the traffic on Sand Creek increase tremendously. Ms. Neufeld stated that if there is a light on Sand Creek and Hunting that would only increase traffic on Locust Park, the light making it a more attractive cut through for cars.

Mr. Hornick made a motion to state to the Mayor and Trustees that they are concerned about the increased Traffic on Sand Creek Road, the cut through streets from Central Avenue, potential case studies that can be done regarding the possible new Amazon building, and a light on Sand Creek and Hunting.

Mr. Judge stated he believed that the Traffic Committee should be able to put out the traffic study themselves, instead of having to go through the Mayor and the Board, with the concern that he didn't think the Committee should bother the Mayor and the Board with these requests, the committee should just do them. Ms. Okun reminded the Board that anything they wish to do must be approved by the Mayor and the Board of Trustees.

Mr. Hornick reaffirmed his motion made above. Mr. Gillivan seconded the motion.

VOTE:

Chairman Prevratil – Yes

Mr. Lashoff – Yes

Mr. Hornick – Yes

Mr. Samiof – Yes

Mr. Judge – No

Mr. Gillivan – Yes

The motion passes.

A discussion was held regarding traffic counters and the possibility of the Village purchasing ghost counters. Mr. Hornick passed out information on the Armadillo Tracker priced at \$3,000.00. Mr. Gillivan stated these kinds of counters can keep track of not only vehicles, but also bicycles, pedestrians, and anyone that may be in a wheelchairs or need ADA assistance.

The committee agreed to discuss the subject further when Deputy Mayor Sim is present.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ms. Neufeld expressed her continuing concern for the speeding on Locust Park. Ms. Neufeld pointed out that school busses were also speeding.

Mr. France stated that the best way for the Traffic Committee to be effective with speeding is to take inventory of the traffic signs, reevaluate what they have, and update if necessary. An example would be the double Stop Signs on Hunting, Locust, and Bridle Path.

Mr. Gillivan updated the Committee on the Locust Park survey for the potential bike path, as well as a briefing on the Family Fun Day. Bicycle Safety Day. Martin, Harding, & Mazzotti donate a number of bike helmets and 77 of those were properly fitted and given away to those who wanted them.

Mr. Hornick made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00PM. Mr. Judge seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in favor of the motion.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julianne Okun
Traffic Safety Coordinator