

TRAFFIC SAFETY MEETING
February 2, 2021

The Traffic Safety Commission convened via zoom, at 3315 Ridge Road, Highland Police Dept. Chief Hojnicky called the meeting to order at 8:05 A.M.

Roll Call: Peter T. Hojnicky, Chief of Police
John E Banasiak, Commander Police Department
Mark Knesek, Public Works Director
William Timmer, Fire Chief
Steve Jurczak, Police Commissioner

Also present: Robyn Pappenheim, Project Engineer of DVG Team, Inc.
Absent with notice: Tom Black, Councilman

Previously forwarded days of week/times of concern to Commander John Banasiak from resident Mrs. Jackie Sleeman regarding traffic safety concerns in the 3200-3300 block of Grand Blvd. Enforcement action during those times resulting in a handful of warnings not warranting citations. Mrs. Sleeman stated she was unaware of specific vehicles committing the traffic infractions but believes many reside on the cul-de-sacs off Johnston Street. Mrs. Sleeman said Grand is a unique situation as it is 2 blocks long and suggests either a stop sign or speed bumps be placed half way through. A colloquy ensued and Robyn Pappenheim, a Traffic Engineer, advised that stop signs are not intended to regulate speed and noise, emissions, danger to motorcyclists, difficulty plowing are among many of the reasons these devices are not employed. The Police Chief added that there is nowhere in Town where these devices are implemented and it is not unique that Grand Blvd is a 2 blocks long as may other streets are also. Highland is further more guided by INDOT regulations/suggestions/best practices and relies on its Traffic Engineer for expert advice

Mrs. Sleeman asked if they could put a speed "slow down" portable sign out and she was advised she could. Commander Banasiak will also visit the area and determine where a more permanent speed or slowing signage could be employed. Mrs. Sleeman was advised Commander Banasiak placed a Digital Speed Sign in the 3200-3300 block of Grand to monitor traffic and act as a deterrent. She was also advised to have her daughter/son-in-law to contact Commander Banasiak for some first-hand knowledge of the situation as Mrs. Sleeman does not reside in the neighborhood. Mrs. Sleeman stated 2 accidents involving her daughter and speeding vehicles occurred in recent years-however we only went back 5 years and none were evident. (Our records indicate her daughter's accident occurred in 2007).

- Further research after the meeting revealed Police Dept/Town of Highland is responsible for 87.24 miles of roadway.

Other items:

Commissioner Jurczak inquired to Public Works Director of the upgrades to the Lincoln Street Railroad Crossing, with Public Works Director Mark Knesek stating there was no Grant Funding available at this time as the cost may be between \$400,000-\$600,000.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 am.