

**Traffic Safety Meeting
August 1, 2023**

The Traffic Safety Commission met in person at 3315 Ridge Road, Highland Police Department. Commander John Banasiak called the meeting to order at 8:12 am.

Roll call: John Banasiak, Commander, Highland Police Department
 Mark Knesek, Public Works Director
 Steve Jurczak, Police Commissioner
 William Timmer, Fire Chief
Absent: Chief Ralph Potesta
 Councilman Roger Sheeman

On a motion by Commissioner Steve Jurczak and seconded by Fire Chief William Timmer, a request for a handicapped parking sign was approved to be installed in front of 2711 Eder Street at the request of resident Charles Mears. A letter from Mr. Mears' doctor was submitted to the commission to verify the need for Mr. Mears. Public Works Director Mark Knesek advised that his department should have the sign installed by the end of next week after utility locates were completed. Commander Banasiak will notify Mr. Mears that his request was approved.

Regarding the complaint about speeding vehicles in the 3500 block of westbound 45th Street received from Kirk Pedraza, Commander Banasiak updated the commission that extra patrols have already been in place for this location and will continue when manpower allows. The area in question already has the required speed limit signage and bike trail crossing signage. The commission, by agreement, determined that this extra patrol response would suffice for the complaint.

Discussion was had regarding the complaint received from Dimitri Katsepas regarding pedestrian safety in the area of the intersection of Lincoln and Woodward due to speeding vehicles. Mr. Katsepas has asked that this location be considered for a 4-way stop sign (currently stop sign for only north/south Woodward at Lincoln), speed bumps or a speed control sign. Accident history was checked with no crashes over the prior five years for this location. Therefore, this location would not meet the standard to make this a 4-way stop intersection by adding stop signs for east/west Lincoln Street. The commission as a group does not endorse speed bumps for any locations in the Town of Highland. In regards to the request for a digital speed sign for this area, this location will be added to the waiting list for when a digital speed sign becomes available for installation. This location will also be added for extra traffic assignments for the patrol division.

Discussion was had regarding the complaint received from Eli Spasevski regarding speeding vehicles on 44th Street between Kleinman Road and Liable Road. Commander Banasiak updated the commission that extra traffic assignments had already started on July 31st for this location with the first assignment finding no violations. These extra traffic assignments will continue through the end of this week on both dayshifts and afternoons. The commission also agreed to add this location to the list for the digital speed sign before additional speed limit signs would be considered.

With no further business from the floor, the meeting was adjourned at 8:31 am.