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Traffic Safety

June 19, 2013

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Dear Honorable Body:

The June meeting of the North Tonawanda Traffic Safety Committee was called to order at 1900 hours. Roll call showed the following members present: J. Sikora, A. Vater, R. Frank, M. Lemke, M. Anastasi, A. DiBernardo, and T. Tussing. The minutes from the previous meeting were read and accepted. The following new concerns were discussed and recommendations made.

1. Jay L. Soemann, President of the Downtown Merchants Association was invited into the meeting to discuss a recent request of the Merchants Association. After a recent meeting, members of the association agreed to request a 3-hour parking time limit between the hours of 9 to 5, Monday through Saturday. Due to the many different businesses in the Downtown area the Traffic Safety Committee feels a three-hour time limit would not benefit all business. The current 2/1-hour time limit benefits both retail and commercial business in the area. The Committee would like to see the block located on the West side of Webster, from Sweeney to Tremont, changed to 2 hours. The Block on the West side from Tremont to Goundry is currently 1 hour and the Committee agrees with this time limit as this block has retail stores with high customer turn over in it. The Committee also feels the addition of parking meters and additional signage informing of unlimited parking in the Manhattan Street lot could benefit the area.
2. A second request from Jay L. Soemann, Owner of Walker Brothers and Monroe Jewelers, asking for a loading zone in front of his business will be tabled and discussed at the August meeting. During that time members of the Committee will observe parking conditions in the Downtown area. Mr. Soemann was also advised complaints on extended parking in the area would aid with enforcement.
3. A request from Dan and Gloria Wingrove asking for signs stating 3 hour parking for the spots located in front of 153 Sweeney Street was discussed. There are mostly restaurants in this area. A three-hour parking limit would allow enough time for all in the area without interfering with retail stores. The Committee agrees with this request and recommends placing the signs.
4. Member Lemke reported on the area of Ward and Warner. A concern was received in May on the safety of people walking near the corner due to no curb /shoulder. The Committee recommends placing stripes/lines marking the area. Member Tussing was present at the meeting and is aware of where the markings need to be.
5. Scott Kiedrowski requested the placement of speed limit and children at play signs in the area of Mayor's Park. There is a playground with park rental available in the area and no posted signs. The Committee agrees with this request and recommends placing 5 MPH speed limit signs as well as children at play to make the area safer.
6. Shirley Glica, 1261 Payne Ave. has a concern with vehicles parking on both sides of Payne Avenue and finds it hard to exit her driveway. She was contacted by Members Sikora and Vater to discuss her concerns. No parking signs have been placed in the area during the past year. The area will continue to be watched but at this time the Committee sees no reason to place additional signs.
7. Greg Lureman, VP of TCCO, requested a review of parking on Ridge Road. The area was watched and the Committee sees no reason to make changes at this time.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joseph D. Sikora, Chairman

07-09-2013

**MOVED by Alderman Zadzilka**

**SECONDED by Alderman Rizzo**

**That the Common Council hereby directs the Department of Public Works to install: “2 hour parking” signs on the West side of Webster Street from Sweeney to Tremont; “3 hour parking” signs for the spots located in front of 153 Sweeney Street; stripes/lines in the area of Ward and Warner to mark the curb/shoulder and “5MPH” speed limit signs and “Children at Play” signs in Mayor’s Park.**

**Ayes: Donovan, Rizzo, Zadzilka, Andres**

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**Nays: None**

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**CARRIED.**

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**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOVED by Alderman Zadzilka**

**SECONDED by Alderman Rizzo**

**That this special session of the Common Council be and hereby is adjourned.**

**CARRIED.**

**Time of Adjournment: 6:53P.M.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Scott P. Kiedrowski  
City Clerk–Treasurer**