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Traffic Safety Minutes

The March 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 and E. Smolinski. The minutes from the previous meeting were read and accepted. Before any new business was discussed Mr. Jeffrey Gaston addressed the Committee and thanked them for their recent recommendations made concerning traffic issues at Ohio and Spruce Schools. The following items were then discussed and recommendations made.

1. Committee member Frank was asked to bring up the possibility of posting "no turn on red" signs at Bowen Dr. turning West onto Meadow. After discussing the matter it was decided more research is needed.
2. A request to remove the traffic signal located at Payne and East Avenues was received from Dennis Grinell. With the recent decision to close Gilmore School East Ave. is going to be the cut off for children to attend Drake or Meadow Schools. There is a good chance additional children will be using the light to cross Payne Avenue. At this time the Committee does not want this light removed.
3. Committee member Smolinski had a request from Morry Cooper, owner of Rainbow Roller Rink to have "no parking" signs located on Oliver Street, across from the rink removed to allow for additional parking. Marla Congi, property manger for 100 Oliver was contacted and agreed this would be helpful due to the fact some patrons of the rink take up spots in her parking lot. A portion of Oliver directly in front of 100 Oliver is used by the Fire Dept. on a daily basis when responding to calls at that address. After viewing the area the Committee recommends replacing the Northern most sign with a sign stating no parking from that point to the parking lot entrance of 100 Oliver. From that sign South parking will be allowed. This will leave enough room for fire vehicles to park while responding to emergencies.
4. Committee member Smolinski would like to see the yellow center line on Sweeney Street offset to create a shoulder along the Southeast side of Sweeney. This shoulder could be used for pedestrian traffic and bicycles. Member Tussing will be contacted for additional information on the issue and the possibility of completing this with ant restriping that takes place on Sweeney Street.
5. A request to remove "no turn on red" signs at various intersections around the city was received from Gary Kromer. Many of the signs in question are on Meadow Dr. near the school complex. After discussing the request the Committee sees no reason to remove any of the signs.

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Traffic Safety Minutes:

The February 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, E, Smolinski and M. Anastasi. The minutes from the previous meeting were accepted, the following items were discussed and recommendations made.

1. Committee member Smolinski would like to see crosswalk markings painted on River Rd. at all intersections controlled by a traffic signal. This will make access to the bike path both safer and easier for NY residents. The Committee agrees with this recommendation. Due to River Rd. being maintained by NY State the Lockport office will be contacted. While talking with the state turning lanes in Gratwick Park from River Rd. at Ward and Witmer will be discussed.
2. Lori Adamczyk from Kiddie Haven Daycare, 1333 Strad Ave., contacted the Committee concerning parking in front her business by parents while picking up and dropping of their children. After some discussion it was decided "No Parking" signs located in front of her business will be replaced with "Drop off Zone" signs. This action should be accompanied by notification of all parents by Kiddie Haven on parking procedures.
3. Jeffrey Gaston, 957-7740, Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds for the North Tonawanda School District contacted the Committee requesting traffic control changes at Spruce and Ohio Schools. A copy of Mr. Gaston's requests is attached. Traffic patterns/concerns at both schools were observed by members of the Committee and a special meeting was held on 3/5/12 where observations were discussed and the following recommendations made.
   A. Additional "No Parking" signs are not recommended on Spruce St. or Deerfield Dr. Adding these signs would force vehicles to park further from the school increasing distances children would have to walk during pick up and drop off.
   B. At Spruce School open spots were viewed in the drop off/pick up cut out. Better utilization of this cut out would help with congestion of vehicles. Moving the crossing guard from a Christiana Street to Spruce Street where most traffic is found would also make the area safer. Mid block cross walks are not recommended without a sign or light controlling the area. Lastly, there is no speed limit sign on Courtside for vehicles approaching from Service Drive. We recommend a 20 MPH speed limit sign.
   C. At Ohio School the Committee highly recommends the construction of a drop off/pick up cut out along Deerfield Drive. This cut out would mirror

the one at Spruce School and result in a safer area for children to be picked up and dropped off as well as better vehicle access, emergency vehicles included. Additionally having all children cross Deerfield Dr. at Abington, where the crossing guard is located and the intersection is controlled rather than crossing directly to parent's vehicles is recommended.

D. Principals at both schools along with Darlene Diagler, crossing guard at Ohio School, were spoken with during the investigation. If the above recommendations due not result in a safer environment around the schools all parties can meet and additional ideas can be looked into.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joseph D. Sikora

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