

**Traffic Safety Advisory Committee
City of Apple Valley
September 11, 2013
7:00 p.m. Municipal Center**

Minutes

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Arthur Zimmerman

Members Present: Todd Blomstrom, Linda Dolan, Charles Grawe, Mitch Scott, Joe Shaw, Laura Turek, Arthur Zimmerman

Members Absent:

Consultants/Alternates Present: Dave Bennett

Others Present: Ben Glaser, Glen Glaser, Mary Glaser, Sonia Glaser

2. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Mr. Scott moved, second by Mr. Blomstrom to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed 7-0.

3. Approval of July 10, 2013 Minutes

Mr. Bennet noted a typographical error where sentences 2 and 3 of Item 5 should have been under Item 6.

MOTION: Ms. Dolan moved, second by Mr. Shaw, to approve the Minutes of July 10, 2013 as amended. Motion passed 6-0 (Mr. Grawe abstained).

4. Audience Items

There were no audience items.

5. Resident Concerns with Sight Lines at Johnny Cake Ridge Road and 144th St.

Several residents expressed their concerns with sight lines at Johnny Cake Ridge Road and 144th Street. Specifically, a wooden privacy fence and hedge

row along the property abutting the Johnny Cake pedestrian trail obscure the view of motorists at the stop sign at 144th Street. The Committee discussed the issue and possible solutions.

MOTION: Ms. Dolan moved, second by Mr. Zimmerman, to request City staff to study the sight lines at the intersection, determine appropriate setbacks, and bring a recommendation back to the Committee. Motion passed 7-0.

6. Resident Concerns with Speed Limit on Garden View Drive near 144th St.

Mr. Bennett said a resident requested moving the school speed zone sign further away from the Westview Elementary School, effectively expanding the school speed zone. The Committee discussed the traffic concern, the issues surrounding moving the sign, and possible solutions.

The Committee took no action at this time.

7. Resident Concerns with Traffic on Ellice Trail

Mr. Bennett said the original concern was over vehicle speeds. Staff conducted a traffic study and found an Average Daily Total of 1,565 vehicles. This is not particularly high given the type of roadway design of Ellice Trail. Staff has identified an area where it may be feasible to add a driver feedback sign. Police officers have also been expanding enforcement in this area.

8. Resident Petition for 4-way Stop at 147th Street and Johnny Cake Ridge Road

The intersection has been open for about one year. A number of residents signed a petition requesting the installation of a four-way stop. Mr. Bennett recommended that the City conduct a traffic study to determine if warrants are met for a four-way stop.

MOTION: Ms. Dolan moved, second by Mr. Zimmerman, to request City staff to study the intersection and determine if warrants are met for a traffic control and to report the findings to the Committee. Motion passed 7-0.

9. Discuss Posted Speed Limit along Flagstaff Avenue from 140th Street to 1,350 feet south of 140th Street

Mr. Blomstrom reported that MnDoT has questioned the rationale of establishing an urban speed district on Flagstaff Avenue and has agreed to re-examine its findings.

10. Resident Concern with Pedestrian / Bicycle Traffic on Trail Adjacent to Galaxie Avenue between 140th Street and McAndrews Road

Mr. Bennett reported that a resident expressed concern over the courtesy and etiquette of the pathway users toward one another. The resident suggested segregating bicycle traffic on some trail segments and pedestrians on others. The Committee discussed the issue and suggested staff consider a variety of educational avenues to help educate pathway users on appropriate etiquette.

11. Garden View Drive Driver Feedback Sign Data

Staff distributed collected data.

12. Dodd Road Accident Concerns Update

Staff was unable to contact the resident making this complaint for follow-up information. No discussion took place.

13. Other Traffic Concerns Communicated to the City of Apple Valley

Police Concerns

Mr. Scott reported concerns with cut through traffic on Everest Avenue between Johnny Cake Ridge Road and 142nd Street. He also reported the speed study of Dodd Road did not reveal unusually high rates of speed.

Public Works Concerns

Mr. Blomstrom said there was a parking concern on 145th Path where a home serves as a day care facility. He said staff will approach the day care operator about asking clients to voluntarily park on one side of the street to avoid congestion.

14. Educational Issues

The Toward Zero Deaths conference is coming up.

The Dakota County Teen Summit is also coming up.

15. Adjourn

MOTION: Mr. Blomstrom moved, second by Mr. Grawe, to adjourn. Motion passed 7- 0. Meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.