

**City of Kalamazoo  
TRAFFIC BOARD  
Minutes  
September 12, 2019**

Stockbridge Main Conference Room, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
415 E. Stockbridge, Kalamazoo, MI 49001

Traffic Board Members Present: Christina Anderson, City Planner, CP&D  
Anthony Ladd, Assistant City Engineer  
Orrin Dorr, Public Works Manager

Members Excused: Jeff Chamberlain, Deputy City Manager  
Matt Huber, Public Safety  
Jim Ritsema, City Manager

City Staff: Karen Rutherford, Recording Secretary

Guests: Jon Kooi, Bronson Hospital  
Jesse Okeley, Traffic Engineering Technician

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Anthony Ladd called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Chairman Anthony Ladd conducted roll call and determined that the aforementioned members were present, and quorum existed.

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

There were no changes to the September 12, 2019 Agenda. Committee Member Christina Anderson supported by Substitute Committee Member Orrin Dorr, made a motion to approve the September 12, 2019 Agenda. With a voice vote, the motion was carried.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (March 14, 2019)**

There were no changes to the March 14, 2019 Traffic Board Minutes. Committee Member Christina Anderson supported by Substitute Committee Member Orrin Dorr, made a motion to approve the March 14, 2019 Traffic Board Minutes. With a voice vote, the motion was carried.

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

**No Parking Sign Placement – W. Maple St. - by Football Field**

Chairman Anthony Ladd opened discussion for the placement of no parking signs in front of the football field on W. Maple St.

Committee Member Christina Anderson suggested this issue be tabled since there was no representation present and no additional information available for this new business.

### **John St. – Request to Remove Two Parking Spaces - Bronson Hospital**

Chairman Anthony Ladd opened discussion to remove two parking spaces for Bronson Hospital on John Street.

Jon Kooi, with Bronson Hospital, presented a photo of the parking space and stated the parking problem is with the parking lot exit/entrance on Lovell Street and not John Street. There is a parking space too close to the parking lot exit/entrance on Lovell Street, causing a vision obstruction of oncoming traffic. Accidents have nearly happened several times. Additionally, people cross the street at this same parking lot exit/entrance and have nearly been hit by oncoming traffic because of the vision obstruction.

Committee Member Christina Anderson questioned if the parking space nearest the exit is a legal parking space. The parking space should be so many feet from the exit. Parking space striping has been added to indicate a parking space but there is no meter. A discussion followed.

Chairman Anthony Ladd stated if the painted parking space was removed it would give enough room to allow for the vision clearance. Substitute Committee Member Orrin Dorr stated they could remove the striping and add a no parking sign. Substitute Committee Member Orrin Dorr stated we are discussing removing one parking space instead of two. Committee Member Christina Anderson stated she would like to remove the minimum number of parking spaces to make it safe and if removing one will allow for visibility than we do not need to remove two spaces.

Chairman Anthony Ladd stated a vote is not needed because this is not an ordinance change. He stated a work order will be issued to remove one parking space by removing the painted striping for the space that is nearest exit/entrance of the parking lot on Lovell Street.

## **6. OLD BUSINESS**

None.

## **7. MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS OR CONCERNS**

Committee Member Christian Anderson asked why there were so many no parking signs placed at the entrance of Kleinstuck Preserve at Chevy Chase and Edgemoor. Mr. Jesse Okeley stated the entrance needs to stay clear so City vehicles can get into the preserve. The City was going to put in a new gate at the north side of this segment of road and add no parking signs. The City's previous Traffic Engineer had stated this is technically a road and you cannot place a gate in a road. For this reason, the no parking signs were placed there to keep the area clear. A discussion followed.

Committee Member Christian Anderson asked if the no parking can be changed to allow for parking. Chairman Anthony Ladd said he will check into this.

Chairman Anthony Ladd stated he will be setting up a Complete Streets meeting very soon with time and date to be determined.

**8. NEXT MEETING**

- Date: Thursday, October 10, 2019 at 2:00 P.M, 415 E. Stockbridge, Kalamazoo, Stockbridge Main Conference Room, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor
- Agenda items submitted to Karen Rutherford ([rutherfordk@kalamazoocity.org](mailto:rutherfordk@kalamazoocity.org)) by October 2, 2019.

**ADJOURN**

- Chairman Anthony Ladd asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.
- **Committee Member Christina Anderson supported by Substitute Committee Member Orrin Dorr, made a motion to approve to adjourn the meeting. With a voice vote, the motion was carried.**
- The meeting adjourned at 2:44 p.m.

Submitted by: Karen Rutherford  
Recording Secretary

Date: 11-12-19

Approved by: [Signature]  
Staff Liaison

Date: 11/14/19

Johns St.

