

**WHEELING TRAFFIC COMMISSION**  
**September 13, 2018**

The Wheeling Traffic Commission met for its monthly business meeting on the above date in City Council Chambers with Chair Duvall presiding. The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m.

**PRESENT**

COMMISSION MEMBERS: Chair Duvall, Members Adams, Duffy and King  
OPERATIONS: Tim Birch, Operations Superintendent  
POLICE DEPARTMENT: Deputy Police Chief Martin Kimball  
SECRETARY: Brenda J. Delbert City Clerk

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Duffy moved, seconded by Member King, to approve the minutes of the August 16, 2018 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Request by Mike Ferns, Owner of Rivers Edge Restaurant 11<sup>th</sup> and Main St, to remove commercial loading zone directly in front of establishment and replace with meters. No one was present to speak on behalf of this request. However, Deputy Chief Kimball speaks on need to change as it is rarely used as a proper loading zone. After an onsite inspection of all Commissioners Member Duffy, seconded by Member Adams to recommend the following traffic rule to Council:

TRAFFIC RULE 4688: TO ESTABLISH A 2 HOUR PARKING METER ZONE BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 8 AM TO 6 PM, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, ON THE WEST SIDE OF MAIN STREET BEGINNING 14 FEET SOUTH OF LANE 7 AT THE SOUTH WEST CORNER OF LANE 7 AND MAIN STREET, IN THE CITY OF WHEELING, AND EXTENDING IN A SOUTHERLY DIRECTION ON MAIN STREET FOR A DISTANCE OF 135 FEET

Request by Good Shepard Nursing Home for a stop sign to be placed at the intersection of Edgington Lane, Damian Street, and Storch Ave; and a cross walk across Edgington Lane. Donald Kirsh was present to speak on behalf of request. Planning Commission voted to approve the construction of parking lot on the corner of Edgington Lane and Damian (160 Edgington Lane). Thus, the need for a cross walk. Mr. Kirsh explained the intention for the parking lot is for visitors of Good Shepard. Construction is intended to be complete before the snow falls. Member Duffy, seconded by Member King to recommend the following traffic rule to Council:

TRAFFIC RULE 4689: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TRAFFIC CONTROL MAP OF THE CITY OF WHEELING DESIGNATING THE INTERSECTION OF EDGINGTON LANE, STORCH AVE AND DAMIAN ROAD AS A STOP INTERSECTION, STOPPING ALL TRAFFIC, MOVING IN ALL DIRECTIONS ENTERING THIS INTERSECTION.

Request by Greg Myers to change a restricted parking zone at the corner of Market and 23<sup>rd</sup> street to loading zone for commercial deliveries. Deputy Chief Martin Kimball is opposed to request as it will interfere with the sight line, and there is a loading zone directly across the street. Member Duffy moved seconded by Member Adams to deny the request. Motion carried.

Request by Councilor Ty Thorngate for stop sign on Euclid Ave at the intersection of Euclid and McClain. No one was present for the request. Deputy Chief Martin Kimball does not recall any accidents on this stretch of road. There were no cars present for the onsite review. Mr. Adams recommend a traffic study to be completed by Tim Birch. Member Adams moved, seconded by member King to investigate the intersection and complete a traffic study. Motion carried.

Request by Woodsdale Elementary School for a no parking zone on both sides of Poplar Ave from RT 88 to ally from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm Monday through Friday; and no through traffic on Poplar Ave from Rt 88 to ally at rear of school from 3:30 pm – 4:00 pm Monday through Friday; and no left turn at intersection of Maple Ave and Rt 88 from 3:45 pm – 4:15 pm Monday through Friday; and for permission to utilize ally congruent with the ally at the rear of the school from Poplar Ave to Walnut Ave for staging of cars. Principal Minch addressed the positive impacts and the improvements/ adjustments made to the original plan daily. She gives account there are 80-100 cars per day for pick up; Ms. Minch walks through map (attached) and how cars are staged. Ray Byrd address the commission in opposition of proposed dismissal plan. Mr. Byrd is counsel for the Cobblestone Condominiums. He speaks on behalf of residents on fears of emergency personal reaching property, general inconvenience, and the feeling of being captive in their home. Fire Chief Helms was also present, and he asserts if the “staged” cars move from three across on poplar to two across he will be able to get emergency vehicles through. Chief Helms witnessed the dismissal procedure and gave feedback to Ms. Minch. Ms. Minch agreed to change plan to match his suggestions. Sgt. Bill Nolen there is no public resources officer assigned to Woodsdale, but he was involved in designing the plan. Sgt Nolan gives credit to MS. Minch and staff for working through problems. Dennis Albaugh, 1 Poplar Ave, speaking against and has several concerns. Ginny Shutler, owner of apartment building at 1 Poplar Ave, she agrees with Mr. Byrd and is in opposition. Rita Sage, 1 Poplar Ave., speaks in opposition to dismissal plan. Kayla Sklavounakis, 14 Poplar, address the Commission; she is in favor of change and believes the current plan has helped the safety of the children. Ms. Sklavounakis states prior to this plan there were parents parked everywhere, and most of the time illegal, cross walks were being blocked, and no street parking was available to residents. Ms. Sklavounakis requests cross walks to be painted and enforcement that cars to do not block them. She provides suggestions and opinions on change. Jerry Sklavounakis, 14 Poplar Ave, speaks in the need for change to current plan. He has seen some successful improvements but also had ideas to improve. Member Duffy seconded by member King to table to give all interested parties time to get together and take ideas for improvements into consideration.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Member Duffy, seconded by Member King, to adjourn. Motion carried. Time: 2:16 PM.

/s/ Alan Duvall  
Alan Duvall, Chair

/s/ Brenda J. Delbert  
Brenda J. Delbert, City Clerk