

# COLE COUNTY TRAFFIC & SAFETY ADVISORY BOARD

## July 16, 2020

### MEMBERS PRESENT

Don Neumann, P.E.    Jason Sommerer, P.E.    Jason Gerling    John Wheeler  
Morgan Patterson    Sam Bushman

### STAFF PRESENT

Eric Landwehr, P.E.    Larry Bishop    Larry Benz    Aaron Lock    Christa Nilges

### GUESTS

Tom Hutton

Don Neumann, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M.

### MEETING MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Sam Bushman motioned to approve previous minutes.  
Jason Gerling seconded the motion

### CITIZEN REQUEST

#### 4-way Stop Request – Henwick Lane and Sharon Drive

Eric Landwehr gave the presentation on agenda item to sign the intersection of Henwick Lane and Sharon Drive as a 4-way stop. Cole County staff completed the engineering study to determine if the 4-way stop was justified. Data showed that does not meet the warrants.

Citizen Tom Hutton spoke about the issues with traffic speed on the roadway. He mentioned that he witnessed several near accidents and asked what could be done. He understood why a 4-way stop did not meet warrants and was asking for ideas to slow down traffic speed.

Staff recommended to deny the request and the board agreed. No motion was made.

The county has been considering hiring an engineering company to complete traffic safety studies on similar type roadways and would consider adding Henwick to the list of roads to study. A study would have to wait until 2021 when funding would be available. The board agreed to pursue a traffic safety study.

There was discussion on whether a speed limit trailer could be set up periodically. Morgan Patterson stated that he thought he could get one from the Highway Patrol and we would also look at getting the Sheriff's department to periodically put one out.

#### Speed Reduction Request – Falling Leaf Lane

Eric Landwehr presented the citizen request. Studies show that lowering a posted speed limit to reduce speed is not effective. Staff recommended denying this request and the board agreed. No motion was made.

### **Intersection Stop Control Request – Kauffman Subdivision (Kenview Drive)**

Eric Landwehr presented the citizen request to add stop signs to Kenview Drive at Sheridan Drive. Ken Kauffman recently constructed a new extension to existing Kenview Drive and he is working on additional phases of subdivision construction. Staff recommended that Sheridan Drive be the through street and all side roads stop at it. This would add stop signs on Kenview Drive and Sunnyvale Drive. Stop signs were also recommended on Sunnyvale drive and Kenview Drive and on Kenview Drive and Mernie Street and Biscayne Drive. The addition of the signs would be consistent with the older parts of this subdivision and other similar subdivisions. The board approved this request.

### **No Parking Request – Gateway Drive**

A request was made by the Sheriff's department to add no parking at the sharp curve on Gateway Drive just south of Brookview Drive. Parking in this area creates problems for school buses and emergency vehicles to make the turn and it presents a general safety hazard. Staff stated that no parking is justified based on the Cole County Traffic Manual and recommended that it be on the inside curve. Staff then asked for input from the board on whether no parking was also justified on the outside of the curve. The board approved that no parking be allowed on both the inside curve and outside curve a distance of at least 30' from the radius points in every direction.

### **Intersection Ahead Warning Sign Relocation Request – West Brazito Road at Old Forge Road**

Staff presented the request from a resident near the intersection. There have been several near accidents due to the intersection having poor sight distance for motorists coming from the west. Staff stated that the board did not have jurisdiction to make a decision due to this sign not being a regulatory sign. Staff can place these signs where warranted without needing board approval. Staff stated that the signs currently are located within an appropriate distance based on visibility but the signs could be relocated further from the intersection to help the situation. Staff will review the situation and likely move them back. Staff will also look at additional signing to help with the situation. The board agreed with staff but did not make a recommendation due to lack of jurisdiction.

**Meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.**