



**NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC & SAFETY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
September 27, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 7:34 PM by Secretary Susan DeWitt in the Conference Room at the Verona Community Center, 880 Bloomfield Ave.

ROLL CALL

Mary Cooksey-Wilks, Nicole Quick, Robert Rowbotham, Gerard Shimonaski, Susan DeWitt, Capt. Michael Ruglio representing Chief Christopher Kiernan, and Councilman Jack McEvoy were present. John Gasiewski, Matthew Cavallo, Louis Koenig and Superintendent Rui Dionisio were absent. Santi Condorelli arrived at 8:50 PM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the August 29, 2018 meeting were approved. Motion Jerry, 2nd Jack all in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion

- Parking still a problem by schools. Franklin/Grove and Maple/Forest cars parking to close to corners.
- Closing back driveway of Civic Center to Gould Street seems to be a good idea and appears to be working well. Crossing guard is placing cones when he arrives and leaves.
- Discussion about Parking Enforcement Officer going to schools in AM/PM to enforce violations.
- Speeding everywhere in town is horrific. Need to find a way to slow motorists down. Speeding is an issue on Claremont especially between 7-9 AM and 6-8 PM. Forest Ave also an issue.
- Ask Superintendent if he can do email blast reminding parents of parking issues and that VPD will be enforcing and giving tickets. Double parking is also an issue by schools during pick up times. Capt. Ruglio suggested

putting physical barriers such as cones in no parking areas to deter people. Consensus of committee was to have school send an email advising parents and then have VPD enforce.

- Suggestion was made to possibly create flyers explain parking rules and how ignoring them affects everyone's safety and put those on vehicles in violation before issuing tickets. Emails - Flyers - Enforcement
- Red Drive like your Kids live here signs have been purchased by town and are going up in all sections of town. A question was asked if there are none already on Claremont can some be put there.
- VPD is putting out speed signs in problem areas to collect data on speeding.
- With 112 units at Annin Flag and 460 Units on Fairview in Cedar Grove there is concern about how this extra traffic is going to affect Verona.
- Question was asked if someone can come to the next meeting and speak about the development in Cedar Grove, street layout, traffic pattern etc. Sue to ask Chief Kiernan if that can be arranged.
- Question about development on Commerce Court - still in litigation
- Nicole stated Brain Injury Association has grants available for traffic studies. She will get information for next meeting.
- Police Department has Pedestrian Safety Grant Money. Enforcement currently being conducted using this money. Body Cams will be implemented shortly.
- VPD just arrested car burglar. Reminder not to leave valuables in cars and to always lock your car. New doorbell cameras are proving valuable in assisting police to solve crimes.
- Richfield Assisted Living still in discussion, Next meeting for this is October 11, 2018.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM. The next meeting will be Wednesday November 7, 2018 at 7:30 PM. Meeting will be held in the Fireman's Room at 880 Bloomfield Avenue.

Respectfully Submitted

Susan DeWitt
Secretary