

Attendees:

Traffic & Safety Committee:

Lenore Hoffman, City Council - present
Chad Dutz, Fire Chief - present
Nate McGinley, Public Works Director - present
Phil Spence, Patrol Lieutenant - present
Maggie Clifton, Community Engagement Director - present
Adam McAlpine, Engineering Director – present



Item 1: Valparaiso High School Street Lighting

- North entrance to VHS on Vale Park Road is dark with no lighting.
- Pedestrian was hit by a vehicle leaving the parking lot. Area is often busy for school traffic, sporting events, and before dawn to after dusk.
- Response: City will investigate options including acquiring estimate from Nipsco, possibly ROW from VHS, connecting to current light poles in back parking lot.
- VCS will investigate installing the light themselves, as the process will be quicker.

Item 2: Chicago Street and Sturdy Road Traffic Concern

- Sight distance is difficult for traffic on Chicago Street crossing or joining Sturdy Road.
- Trees and shrubs on SE corner can overgrow during summer months.
- Response: City will continue to monitor and ensure sight obstructions are limited.

Item 3: Banta Neighborhood Crosswalk Requests

- Creative crosswalks were proposed for the Banta Neighborhood. A local artist would create designs and should be done by end of school year.
- Response: Committee supports this idea. VPW will need to check resurfacing plans for 2020 to ensure the crosswalks won't be covered and install stop bars at these intersections.

Item 4: Monroe Street and Greenwich Street Intersection Stop Sign (College Ave)

- Tabled until future notice

Item 5: Burlington Beach Road/Campbell Street Private Drive Signage

- Traffic occasionally does not notice the end of Burlington Beach Road, instead continuing onto a private driveway. One vehicle was crashed on this private drive.
- Resident requests a yellow two-way arrow sign to inform drivers that street ends at Calumet Avenue and brighter LED streetlight.
- Response: the property is county jurisdiction. VPW is in contact with county representatives about placement of sign. These signs may include yellow two-way arrow sign and a reflective strip for further identification. Engineering will contact PMO about updating LED lighting if necessary.
- Update: VPW received county approval and will be installing signs after the holidays.