

REGULAR SESSION, BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY, MAY 10, 2021

The Board of Public Works and Safety of Plymouth, Indiana, met in Regular Session on May 10, 2021. The meeting was held in the Council Chambers, on the second floor of the City Building, 124 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, Indiana.

Mayor Mark Senter called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Senter presided for Board Members Duane Culp, Shiloh Milner, Jeff Houin and Bill Walters. City Attorney Sean Surrisi and Clerk-Treasurer Xaver were also present.

Board Members Culp and Walters moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Session meeting of April 26, 2021. The motion carried.

Building Commissioner Hammonds asked the board to affirm the Call to Order for 801 Sycamore Street Demolition. This came before the board a few years ago. He had worked with the property owners before because they wanted to save the house that they had grown up in. They have not done anything to the house since. He notified the owners of the demolition, and the owner called him and asked for him to work with him again. Hammonds stated that he denied working with this again nothing was done the last time. In this case the city will stick with the 60 days, and if nothing was done in this time, they will demolish the house.

Board Members Houin and Culp moved and seconded to affirm the Call to Order for 801 Sycamore Street. The motion carried.

Clerk Treasurer Xaver presented the following request to the Board of Public Works and

Safety:

5/4/21 – Please consider a “no semis” (tractor trailer) sign(s) affixed to available telephone, light posts at the corner of Gibson St. & Lincolnway East and/or one at the corner of N. Kingston Rd. & Gibson St. Occurring on multiple occasions as of late that long tractor trailers and dump trucks pulling trailers drive 15’ to 20’ into my property to negotiate the turn off of Gibson St. onto Kingston Rd. S/ Jeffory S Small, 300 Kingston Rd., Plymouth (574)-540-3090

Jeffory Small was present to speak about his request and answer any questions the board may have. He stated that for a long time and more often in the past year he had been having issues of tractor trailers and dump trucks pulling trailers driving into his yard. He asked if it would be possible to place a sign on the telephone poles at each end of the road to prevent this problem. Here lately it had been mainly Dollar General trucks that have been causing damage to his yard. He had just finished repairing his yard from deep ruts being dug into the yard, when a week later another semi-truck came through and put some more deep ruts into the yard. He was just asking for the board to find a way to prevent this.

Mayor Senter asked Street Superintendent Marquardt if this street was a city street.

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Street Superintendent Marquardt stated the street was in fact a city street and in order to make the sign enforceable, it would need to be approved by the Board of Public Works and Safety.

Houin asked if they should consider vacating that street at some point. Marquardt stated that it would all depend on what utilities were present down that road. Plus, access to the old nursing home would still need to be available. The other possibility would be to make the road a one-way street which could solve the problem of a lot of people driving through that area.

Houin asked if Small had contact with anyone from Dollar General about this issue. Small stated that he had contact with them, and that after addressing the issue a week or so later another truck would run into his yard trying to get around the turn once again. When he contacted the trucking company, they stated that the software for the GPS that the truck drivers use tells them to go that way, and that they would be looking into that.

Ecker asked if the sign would apply to LTL trucks as well or just straight trucks. Small stated that he would prefer both as he has seen both types of trucks struggle around that corner and come into his yard. Ecker asked that the signage be inclusive to LTL trucks and straight trucks. Marquardt stated that he would look into the signs and try to do so for the short term.

Houin added that this intersection was a dangerous intersection in general and a long-term solution would need to be looked at in order to prevent these types of problems and other safety issues at this intersection.

Board Members Houin and Walters moved and seconded to approve the no truck sign request and to start looking for a long-term solution for this issue. The motion carried.

Xaver presented the following request to the Board of Public Works and Safety:

5/30/21 – Fairfield Owners Association is interested in placing four street signs at the entrances to our living areas (4 total). Attached is what we are proposing to install (the wood posts will be replaced with metal poles). The association feels the added signs will not only enhance our areas, but will aid emergency vehicles as well as pizza, Amazon, UPS, etc. deliveries finding our owners. We have contacted World Graphics to work with us to design and install the signs at our expense. S/ Mary Ann Colvin, Board VP, 2229 Hillcrest Ave., Plymouth (574)-229-0365

Mary Ann Colvin was present speak about her request and answer any questions the board may have. She stated that people are having troubles finding houses in this area and they were working with World Graphics to design street signs to help fix this issue.

Marquardt stated that he had met with Colvin about this prior and he believes that these signs would be a nice addition as the current small signs are very hard to see. In turn he suggested that she come before the board and ask for approval since they were not sure where the right of way would be. He had let her know that in order to place the new poles they would need to call in a request to locate utility lines just to be safe.

Houin asked if this would be considered a zoning issue or if this would be something that the board could address.

Marquardt stated that he was not sure, but if the sign were to be in the right of way, they would need to use approved signs based on the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices. The placement of this sign could be in the right of way or in the owner's property. Colvin stated that if it were not placed in the owner's property it should be in "common space" owned by the owner's association.

Hammonds stated that directional signs are permitted in the zoning ordinance. Houin stated that if the signs were to be placed out of the right of way on private property, they will not have all of the requirements and would not need approval.

City Engineer Gaul suggested that Colvin look into reflective signs so that at night the directional signs could still be seen.

The general consensus of the board was that as long as the signs were placed out of the right of way that no approval would be needed for the signs to be placed. They still suggested that she look into checking the property lines to make sure they are placed on private property.

Xaver presented the following request to the Board of Public Works and Safety:

5/5/21 – Captives Set Free, a ministry of New Song Community Church, would like to have a benefit ride to end human trafficking on 6/12/21. The motorcycle ride would gather at 11 am and depart New Song @ 12 pm. We would appreciate police presence as we ride through the city (see map) and upon our return. Also, if main roads could be closed that would be appreciated. Will be attending meeting for questions. S/ Sandra K Woods-Tolson, 18066 Latonka Trail, Culver (574)-767-2981

Sandra Woods-Tolson was present speak about her request and answer any questions the board may have. She stated that they were just requesting police presence during their ride through the city and have been in contact with surrounding cities and the county as well in order to ensure the safety of riders. If it would be possible, she would also like to have roads closed off or just police presence before and after the ride.

Surrisi stated that Chief Bacon had talked about the request earlier and stated that if they had availability, they could provide a police escort through the city. He did not think that blocking off the streets would be something that he wanted to be a part of.

Senter asked if the reserves from the county had been lined up for this ride. Woods-Tolson stated that they did not. Senter stated that the city police would assist her within city limits, but outside of that the sheriff's reserves would need to be contacted.

Culp directed Woods-Tolson to Captain Neal Wallace of the county to try and get their presence lined up as well.

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Board Members Walters and Milner moved and seconded to allow for the payroll for May 14, 2021 and the claims for May 10, 2021, as entered in claim register #2021. The motion carried.

Board Members Houin and Walters moved and seconded to accept the following

communications:

- 05.10.21 Check Register
- 2021-04-27 TRC Meeting Notes

There being no further business, Board Members Walters and Milner moved and seconded to adjourn. The motion carried and Mayor Senter declared the meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

APPROVED:


Jeanine M. Xaver, IAMC, CMC, CPFIM
Clerk-Treasurer


Mark Senter
Mayor

The following requests have been submitted to the proper committee to act:

5/4/21- I live on the corner of 601 W. Washington St. and 2nd Street. There is a huge tree on the 2nd Street location which the roots already gone throughout my house foundation and causing damage to it, so please if the city would take care of cutting off the tree for good as the city know it belongs or better say is on city premises. I will really appreciate to the city would take care of the tree problem. S/John Popi, 601 W. Washington St. (574)-780-4957

5/4/21 – Would you look at a tree at (rental) 504 Oakhill – looks like it might be dying/hollowing out. S/Judy Edison, 11481 Nutmeg Road (574)-936-7806