

**TRAFFIC COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2023
101 S. ILLINOIS ST., 2ND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM – 8:00 A.M.**

MEMBERS:

Alderman Phil Elmore, Chairman	Present
Alderman Jamie Eros	Excused
Alderman Scott Ferguson	Present
Alderman Raffi Ovian	Present
Alderman Johnnie Anthony	Present

STAFF SUPPORT:

Sal Elkott, City Engineer	En route
Jason Poole, Director-Public Works	Present
Lt. Sean Harris, Police Dept.	Present
Lisa Scharf, Recording Secretary	Present

GUEST STAFF:

Sarah Biermann, City Treasurer

GUESTS:

Jeff Dell, owner of 108 Gettysburg Rd.

Ald. Elmore called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Minutes of January 10, 2023, motion to approve made by Ald. Ferguson, seconded by Ald. Anthony, approved as submitted.

Ald. Elmore explained emergency procedures.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Jeff Dell, owner of apartment complex at 108 Gettysburg Rd., stated that he attended the meeting in regards to a "No Parking" sign that was posted across the street from his property, which used to be public parking for everyone. This on-street parking is used for overflow of his apartment complex and other residents in the area. He requested that this "No Parking" sign be taken down so that his tenants may have more room for on-street parking.

OLD BUSINESS:

E1. Request to Place Private Dumpster on Public Parking Lot at the Rear of 310 E. Main St.:

Ald. Elmore stated that we have discussed this item for the last couple of months and there is a possibility that the owner has worked out a solution. Ald. Elmore suggested that this item be tabled until next month's meeting. Sal Elkott arrived at the meeting at 8:10 a.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

F.1. Request for Removal of "No Parking" Sign Across from 108 Gettysburg Rd.:

Ald. Elmore stated that this item has been discussed for a couple of months and was thoroughly looked into. Jason Poole stated that there is a "line of sight" issue here and the resident nearby is contributing to it with the overgrown ornamental grasses at the corner of his property. Mr. Poole stated that at that time it was a good compromise by extending the "No Parking" by just one additional space to alleviate the line-of-sight issue. There will be a sign correction here per Jason Poole so there is no confusion for the residents in regard to parking. Discussion ensued. The section from the sign that exists now will be No Parking to the corner of Abraham Ct. per Jason Poole. Ald. Anthony stated that this issue has been discussed for the last three to four years or so regarding parking issues. The outgrowth of the ornamental grasses at the corner will be addressed by the Housing Department.

F.2. Discussion of Stop Sign at State Street Rd.:

Ald. Elmore stated that this sign was installed around the mid 90's as maybe they thought this would be a good speed control along this road. There will be a lot of pushback if this sign is taken down. No action will be taken at this time per Ald. Elmore.

F.3. Downtown Illegal Parking:

Ald. Elmore is all for NOT putting parking tickets for downtown parking when people go dining in Belleville. Lt. Harris has discussed revamping downtown parking with Chief Eiskant. Discussion ensued. Ald. Elmore would like to see more free parking in Belleville, in which, it would encourage commerce. We want to encourage people to come to downtown Belleville per Sal Elkott. Ald. Elmore stated that East & West Main St. in Belleville has become a regional destination for a lot of people and we should do what we can to encourage that.

MISCELLANEOUS/ALDERMANIC DISCUSSION:

Ald. Elmore stated that the item of "Reserved Parking" in front of 204 E. Washington St. was accidentally not added to the agenda, but he told the applicant that it would be discussed at this meeting. This item will be added to next month's agenda per Ald. Elmore. Mr. Poole stated that this is one block off and it doesn't get a lot of parking at this location, except for times of downtown events or festivals. Maybe a parking meter can be removed and replace with a Reserved Parking sign to fulfill this request.

ADJOURNMENT:

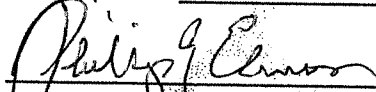
Motion to adjourn made by Ald. Ferguson, seconded by Ald. Ovian. Meeting adjourned at 8:34 a.m.

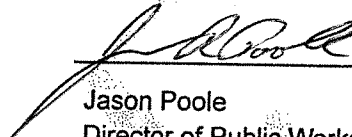
Respectfully Submitted


Lisa Scharf
Recording Secretary

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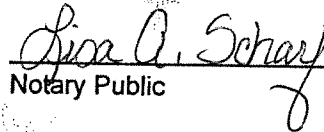
Date Approved: _____


Alderman Phil Elmore
Traffic Committee Chairman


Jason Poole
Director of Public Works


Lt. Sean Harris
Belleville Police Department

Subscribed and sworn before me this 14th day of March, 2023


Notary Public

