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Police Commission

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Traffic Safety Committee:

The following requests were reviewed by the Public Works Department and the Police Department. We have included notes that pertain to each request. We can be available for the next meeting, for further information/questions.

Request for two lanes of travel on Hutchins(south) and East Mason Street. There has never been two lanes in this section. Both public works and the police department have not had any issues with this location pertaining to traffic. After examining the area, it appears that the roadway is wide enough for two lanes to be painted. However, we would have to relocate the double yellow line. Signage and pavement marking would have to accompany this project.

Request for street lights on East Milan Road, from 12th Street to White Mountain Lumber. *(Valliere)* It is agreed that there has been a significant increase of traffic in this area, over the last few years. This area is used by pedestrians and bicycles. However, there would be a significant cost associated with the installation of street lights, along with continued cost an increased electric bill.

Request for children at play sign, at Wood Street, from Maynesboro to Hutchins Street. *(Huot)* It is possible to put a sign in this area. It should not require an ordinance change. If granted, there may be requests for many other areas in the city, so criteria should be set for approval of these types of signs. There are adequate stop signs in the immediate area. As far as the speed limit sign request, the current speed limit is 25mph. If the committee does decide to put a sign in place, it would make sense to put both signs on same pole.

Request for no parking at south entrance of industrial park. *(Capone Iron)* Public works will put a no parking sign in this area. A temporary sign will initially be put in place, to be followed by a permanent sign.

Request for vision impaired sign near 473 Grafton Street. (Warner) This is a possible, but as discussed in the past, a process should be in place to have signs removed when it is no longer applicable to the area.

Jericho Rd speed limit signs, near 107 Jericho Road. (King) The King's are concerned about the location of the speed limit change from 30-40. They believe the speed limit change should be relocated. They are concerned about ATV's travelling at a high rate of speed, and the shared ATV access with regular traffic. They were advised that the speed limit signs in this area are controlled by the State DOT, because this location is outside of the urban compact.

The King's also had issues with ATV loud exhaust, headlights/taillights, and after-hour ATV traffic. The police department has received several complaints from the King's about these issues. These are enforcement issues that the police department has, and will continue, to address.

Morning Lane concern with children program crossing Route 16, to the college. (Vaillancourt) Public Works has spoken to the college and the college does not currently have a concern with this matter. They are fine with things as they stand. They were never approached by the residence about this issue.

Handicap sign request on Oak Street. (Lavoie). Lavoie is requesting a handicap parking sign in front of 159 Oak Street. This multi-family unit sits on the corner of Oak and Willard. Currently, there is a handicap parking sign on the Willard Street side of 159 Oak. However, Lavoie is requesting an additional sign on Oak, in front of the residence.

Respectfully Submitted,

Police Department

Public Works Department