

CITY OF NEWARK
Newark, Delaware

TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING
September 20, 2011
5:00 p.m.

Members Present: Chief Paul Tiernan, Lt. George Stanko, Rich Lapointe, Marvin Howard, Dave Gula, Tom Parkins

Absent: Carol Houck

1. REQUEST TO PROHIBIT PARKING ON FREMONT ROAD AT THE INTERSECTION OF LYNN DRIVE.

Chief Tiernan said this was received by a resident through Councilmember Temko.

Lt. Stanko asked if the curbs could be painted at this location. Rich Lapointe said he would not paint the curbs.

Lt. Stanko said the municipal code states "Within 30 feet upon the approach to any flashing beacon, stop sign or traffic-control signal." (may be referred to in the municipal code Section 20-90 – Stopping Standing and Parking Prohibited (a) 7)

Dave Gula said the swim meets are from June through the end of July. Rich Lapointe said this is only an issue approximately five times a year. Dave Gula said including the banquet may be six times a year at most.

Chief Tiernan suggested having a traffic officer obtain the swim meet schedule for the year and notify the swim club to prohibit guests from parking on Fremont Road during swim meets and may be subject to enforcement.

Rich Lapointe said another option may be to install signs. Chief Tiernan inquired as to whether it would cost effective for only six swim meets a year. Lt. Stanko said in order to be enforced in court the municipal code would need to be changed. Chief Tiernan said Council's approved would be required.

Rich Lapointe said a sign could be installed that reads, "No parking here to corner". Tom Parkins said this sign would not be effective in certain directions at the intersection. Rich Lapointe agreed this would not be an option.

Dave Gula feels that contacting the swim club would be the better option opposed to installing signs. Lt. Stanko said he would research contact information for the swim club to contact them.

MOTION BY LT. STANKO, SECONDED BY MARVIN HOWARD TO CONTACT THE SWIM CLUB BOARD AND NOTIFY OF PARKING RESTRICTIONS TO BE SUBJECT TO STRICT ENFORCEMENT AND REQUEST THIS BE INCLUDED IN THE INFORMATIONAL PACKET FOR SWIM MEETS.

MOTION PASSED. VOTE: 6 TO 0.

Rich Lapointe said he thought he recalled that the Traffic Committee had approved the installation of a stop sign at Delrem Drive and Country Club Drive making this a 3-way intersection. Alicia Cash said she would check prior Traffic Committee minutes and advise. During the meeting Lt. Stanko checked prior Traffic Committee agendas and was unable to locate this item. Dave Gula said this may have been decided at one of the Traffic Calming meetings. Rich Lapointe suggested this item be added to October's agenda for discussion.

There being no further business, Chief Tiernan called for a motion to adjourn.

MOTION BY DAVE GULA, SECONDED BY LT. GEORGE STANKO, TO ADJOURN.

MOTION PASSED. VOTE: 6 TO 0.



Paul M. Tiernan, Chairman