

CITY OF NEWARK
Newark, Delaware

TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING
April 15, 2014
3:30 p.m.

Members Present: Chief Paul Tiernan, Lt. Bill Hargrove, Marvin Howard, Jason Winterling, Tom Parkins

Members Absent: Andrew Haines, Tom Coleman, Dave Gula

Guests: Marge Hadden, Councilmember
Albert Porach, Resident

1. REVIEW PETITION RECEIVED TO DESIGNATE BOTH SIDES OF RITTER LANE BETWEEN ORCHARD AND TOWNSEND ROADS AS "NO PARKING ANYTIME".

Chief Tiernan asked if the petition included all residents between these streets. Councilmember Hadden confirmed the petition included all residents.

Chief Tiernan said at a prior Traffic Committee meeting there was an amendment for no parking on Ritter Lane between Orchard to Apple Roads and residents were not aware this was the case. Council asked the Traffic Committee to review no parking for the block on Ritter Lane between Orchard and Townsend Roads.

Chief Tiernan said today at approximately 11:30 a.m. he reviewed the parking situation on this stretch of road prior to the meeting. Chief Tiernan said at this time there was a total of eight cars parked on both sides of the street with five cars parked on the north side and three cars parked on the south side.

Marvin Howard asked why this was being requested. Ms. Hadden said as a result of the University of Delaware eliminating parking at Morris Library, the students are now parking here. Ms. Hadden said this is a safety issue of residents not knowing who is parking there. Additionally, Ms. Hadden added one resident had hosted an after service following his wife's funeral and to reserve parking placed cones on the street. The students removed the cones and parked on the street.

Chief Tiernan said the residents at the council meeting were not opposed to this one block, however were opposed to the request extending to Apple Road. Ms. Hadden said the resident that in fact distributed this petition was the most outspoken individual at the council meeting due to the request extending to her block (Apple Road), however agreed if residents only wanted it on their block she would support their request.

The petition states the residents are requesting Ritter Lane from Orchard Road to Townsend Road be designated as a "No Parking Anytime" zone and as a "Special Residential Parking District".

MOTION BY WILLIAM HARGROVE, SECONDED BY JASON WINTERLING TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FOR NO PARKING ANYTIME, SPECIAL RESIDENTIAL PARKING DISTRICT ON RITTER LANE BETWEEN ORCHARD AND TOWNSEND ROADS.

MOTION PASSED. VOTE: 5 TO 0.

New Business:

Mr. Porach asked if someone would contact the school bus company to remind drivers to obey the 25 mph speed limit on E. Park Place. Chief Tiernan asked Lt. Hargrove to contact the bus company. Mr. Porach believes it is Christina School District busses. Chief Tiernan said in the future Mr. Porach could contact Lt. Hargrove directly instead of bringing before the Traffic Committee.

Mr. Porach said heavy dump trucks which he believes are contractors working for the University of Delaware. The dump trucks are speeding through the neighborhood and would like for someone to contact the contractor or the University of Delaware regarding this issue.

Mr. Porach said there is a new speed checking vehicle parked on S. College Avenue. Lt. Hargrove said it was a Newark Police Department vehicle. Mr. Porach said he found a new smartphone application called "WAZE" that provides real time information to drivers regarding road conditions, traffic checks, etc.



Paul M. Tiernan, Chairman