1. Call to Order

Chairman Troiani called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

2. Pledge to the Flag

Chairman Troiani led the Pledge to the Flag.

3. Roll-call

Present
Commissioner John Ernst
Commissioner Victor Stojanoff
Commissioner Scott Troiani
Commissioner Stanley Wilk
Commissioner Mark Bonner
Commissioner Antonio Costantino
Daniel Dem, Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Limited (CBBEL)
Nadim Badran, Assistant to the Public Works Director
James Amelio, Village Engineer
Andrew Letson, Public Works Director
Jason Parrott, Chief of Police

Absent
Commissioner James Lee

4. Report by Chair

Chairman Troiani acknowledged the service of interim Police Chief, Bruce Rottner and wished him well. He introduced the new Village Police Chief, Jason Parrott. Chief Parrott provided a brief introduction about himself.

5. Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Bonner moved to approve the minutes of the March 22, 2018 Traffic
Commission meeting as presented. Commissioner Costantino noted that he was absent with permission from the Chair. Commissioner Wilk seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

6. Unfinished Business

   a. Parking Restriction – Pratt Avenue and East Prairie Avenue

      Mr. Letson introduced the item by stating that staff is continuing to evaluate the improvements made at the intersection and summarized the improvements which include additional signage and restricted parking to help improve line of sight. Mr. Letson stated that in February of 2018 there was an accident that occurred at the intersection due to a motorist on East Prairie failing to yield to a motorist on Touhy Avenue.

      Mr. Letson stated that staff can install a “Stop for Pedestrians” sign in the crosswalk on East Prairie Avenue to help slow traffic and narrow the road. He stated he would like to install the sign and evaluate its effectiveness over a three month period. Chairman Troiani polled the Commission to determine if they are in favor of installing the new sign and evaluating it over a three month period. The Commission unanimously agreed with staff’s recommendation.

7. New Business

   a. Parking Restriction Requests

      i. 4100 block of Pratt Avenue

         Mr. Letson stated that staff received concerns regarding line of sight issues for vehicles exiting the bank. Mr. Letson read a letter from a neighboring business, SIR Management, Inc. which stated the organization’s objection to the removal of parking on Pratt Avenue. Commissioner Wilk stated he has used the Bank’s lot during business hours and stated there was parking available in the lot. Commissioner Earnst asked if the neighboring resident to the west on Pratt Avenue has complained that their driveway was blocked. Chief Parrott stated he has not heard a complaint but has witnessed vehicles parking between driveways. Commissioner Costantino stated that he does not see the parking being a problem. Commissioner Bonner made a motion to recommend the removal of parking from the existing hash marks to the western residential driveway. Commissioner Stojanoff seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

      ii. 4700 block of Pratt Avenue

         Mr. Letson introduced the item by stating that St. John’s Church requested the parking restriction due to line of sight issues. The Church is requesting that parking be restricted east and west of their driveway due to line of sight
concerns. Mr. Letson read an email from Ms. Linda Steffan objecting to the removal of parking. Commissioner Wilk asked if Stefani’s employees have been parking in the subject location. Chief Parrott stated there was a previous concern that was occurring but the situation has since improved. Commissioner Earnst agreed that the parking concerns regarding Stefani’s employees has decreased.

Mr. Wilk asked how many spaces would be removed. Chief Parrott stated that about three spaces would be removed, one to the east and two to the west of the driveway. A member of the church, Mr. Eric Jeong, spoke and stated that he cannot see when exiting the church, and that it is very dangerous. Commissioner Bonner made a motion to recommend the removal of the space to the east and two spaces to the west of the driveway. Commissioner Wilk seconded the motion. The motion passed via a unanimous vote.

iii. 6700 block of Lincoln Avenue

Mr. Letson stated the request originated due to line of sight concerns for vehicles turning left onto northbound Lincoln Avenue from Harding Avenue. A member from a neighboring business, Mr. Mike Kolodny, stated his objection to the removal of parking as he stated there are not many available spaces.

Mr. Wilk stated there has only been one complaint regarding the issue and asked Mr. Amelio what his thought on the item were. Mr. Amelio stated that he would recommend removing at least once space. Mr. Letson stated that this concern exists along Lincoln Avenue due to the angled nature of the roadway. Commissioner Costantino made a motion to recommend the removal of one parking space on Lincoln Avenue, north of Harding Avenue. Commissioner Stojanoff seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

8. Public Forum

A resident asked why the light at McCormick Boulevard and Pratt Avenue is longer for McCormick Boulevard traffic. Officer Mike Knapp stated that it is due to the heavier traffic on McCormick Boulevard. Mr. Amelio stated that IDOT has previously inspected the timing of the light and stated it is in proper working condition.

9. Report by Staff

None

10. Good of the Order

None
11. Adjournment

Commissioner Bonner moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 p.m. Commissioner Costantino seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]
Nadim Badran
Assistant to the Public Works Director