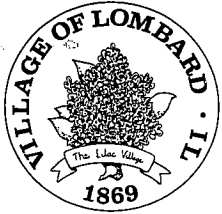


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TO: Transportation and Safety Committee Members

FROM: Patty Wolf-Lindstrom, Senoir Secretary
for Paul Kufirin, Jr., Co-Chairperson

DATE: July 31. 1997

SUBJECT: *Request for 4-Way Stop Sign at Central and Grace*

Please read the enclosed letters. Be advised that there will probably be residents in attendance at the August 4th meeting regarding this issue.

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7-25-97

Mr. Paul Kufrin, Trustee
632 Lilac Way
Lombard, IL 60148

Dear Mr. Kufrin -

I am writing to you to obtain your support in erecting a 4-way stop sign at the intersection of Grace and Central. There are currently stop signs on Central, but not on Grace. Since the park now attracts masses of children, particularly in the summer, I think it should be brought to the attention of the Village that this intersection is dangerous and in need of a four-way stop.

I live on the Northwest corner of this intersection, and I've stopped counting the number of times I've rushed out to my front yard at the sound of screeching brakes or horns as cars fly through this intersection. Before sending you this correspondence, I sat outside (between the hours of 5:15 pm and 6:30 pm) and counted eleven cars run right through the stop sign, but worse, plenty of cars headed southbound on Grace (usually to cut thru to Roosevelt Road) rounding the corner (left & right) onto Central so fast, that if there were a child crossing the street from the park it would be difficult to stop in time.

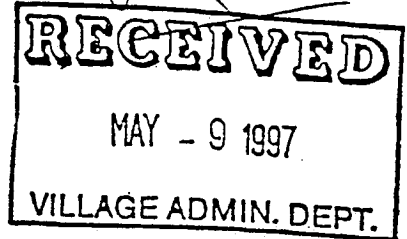
The neighbors up and down the street have mentioned their fear in allowing the children to ride their bikes to the park because of the busy traffic flow and the speed at which vehicles travel through this intersection. One neighbor in particular was riding bikes with his daughter and told me that a car flew through on Grace, across that intersection, just missing his daughter (on her bike), but coming close enough, scaring her, and knocking her over. The neighbor commented "the Village isn't going to put up a stop sign until someone gets hit" That would be a shame. It's difficult to see pedestrians crossing from the park (across Central) until you're right at the corner. I believe that if there were a stop sign there, at least the vehicle would be stopped and forced to see the pedestrians crossing.

Please review this traffic flow and determine whether a far-way stop sign is justified. If public support is what you need, just poll the people living on Grace and Central. You'll get it. Better yet, come and observe the intersection any summer evening (particularly rush hour).

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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May 7, 1997

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Dear Sirs,

Pursuant to my conversation this evening with Mr. Kufrin, I hereby request that the Village consider making the intersection of Central and Grace a four-way stop. Currently there is a stop sign on Central but the traffic on Grace is not required to stop.

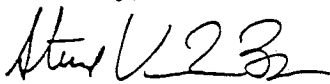
Last year the Lombard Park District erected playground equipment and a bike path in Southland Park. My conversations with the residents of the neighborhood on the park's north side indicate that most are very pleased with the park. It has definitely enhanced the quality of life in this area.

But the park has also increased juvenile pedestrian traffic crossing Central to get to and from the park. Simultaneously a steady volume of automobile traffic proceeding south on Grace usually turns right or left onto Central; this automobile traffic uses Central to proceed either east to Fairfield (into the Cub Foods shopping center) or west to Stewart (to McDonalds or Roosevelt Road). So as children cross Central they have this automobile traffic moving at 15 to 25 mph crossing their path. This may present a danger to the pedestrian traffic, one the Park District may not have considered.

Several other residents have expressed their concern to me about this situation (the same traffic situation also exists on Central and Stewart, although I do not know if the danger has been considered by the residents of that neighborhood). I am confident that if the Village were to install a stop sign on Central, many of the residents of this neighborhood would be relieved that some danger had been mitigated.

I thank you in advance for considering the safety of the many children in this neighborhood.

Sincerely,


Steve VanDenBerg