

Village of Lombard

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Minutes

Monday, February 6, 2012

7:00 PM

Village Hall Community Room

Transportation & Safety Committee

*Trustee Zach Wilson - Chairperson
Trustee Peter Breen - Alternate Chairperson
Michael Corso, John Larkin, John Schwarz,
Bob Corbino, William Adams and Jerry Schaefer
Staff Liaisons: Deputy Chief Pat Rollins - Police and
Frank Kalisik - Public Works*

1.0 Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Wilson at 7:00 p.m.

2.0 Roll Call

Present 7 - Trustee Zachary Wilson, Michael Corso, John Larkin Jr., John Schwarz, Bob Corbino, William Adams, and Jerry Schaefer

3.0 Public Participation

Mr. Kevin Haynes, 220 W. Harrison Road

Mr. Paul Haynes, 220 W. Harrison Road

4.0 Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Jerry Schaefer seconded by Michael Corso, that the Minutes of the January 10, 2012 joint meeting and the Minutes of the January 10, 2012 regular meeting be approved. The motion passed by an unanimous vote.

5.0 Unfinished Business

6.0 New Business

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Ridge Avenue, No Parking Request

Recommendation from the Transportation & Safety Committee to implement No Parking on the east side of North Ridge Avenue from 901-905. (DISTRICT #1)

Kalisik reviewed the item. The problem is trucks parking on the roadway where it is too difficult for other trucks to make the turn to make their deliveries.

Menolascino related an incident where an officer wrote a ticket to a driver for parking too close to a crosswalk. The truck driver then said he wouldn't move because he already got the ticket, so he can stay there all day. Three hours later a truck trying to make the turn side-swiped the parked truck. Chairperson Wilson asked if it will be a tow zone. Menolascino answered that it will be a parking ticket only.

Kalisik commented that the business owners have been happy since the temporary signs were installed. Corso asked if staff anticipates the problem moving down the street. Kalisik replied that he has spoken with all of the businesses and other than stating that they don't want the entire street posted no parking, they have not complained at all. Discussion ensued regarding the specific types of businesses that occupy the immediate area. Schaefer asked if there was a history for the other no

parking areas. Kalisik said it was the same situation, those businesses have minimal frontage and access points where trucks need to back in and can't make it if there's a vehicle parked. Chairperson Wilson asked if the entire street should be signed. Schaefer said he was thinking that, but realized we probably don't want to put it in unless the business owner are asking for it. Chairperson Wilson asked if the closure of the Ardmore Avenue bridge in Villa Park added to the truck traffic. Menolascino answered that it didn't, however, the toll increase has.

Menolascino reported that the signs that were installed on Grace Street and in the Lombard Lagoon area have had a positive effect. The Police Department has not written any tickets yet, they're still giving warnings, but they have not received any calls from the area residents.

A motion was made by John Larkin, Jr., seconded by Jerry Schaefer, that this Request be recommend to the Board of Trustees for Approval . The motion passed by an unanimous vote.

120056**Lilac Bikeway**

A discussion regarding trail designation.

Kalisik explained that although the Village currently has the Lilac Bikeway designated it has not come to fruition. Previously, Transportation & Safety and Ad Hoc Trails Committees looked at locations to make it bike-friendly through town. The items that needed to be done have not been implemented. The question now is do we move forward as it is or modify the route. Chairperson Wilson asked if there has been interest from the public. Corso commented that we have two of the greatest paths that go through town.

Menolascino stated that bike accidents were up last year and the Police Department has applied for a grant to ramp up public education. Discussion ensued regarding bicycles on sidewalks. Corbino said that in his opinion there should be signage if a bike route is implemented on a sidewalk. Chairperson Wilson pointed out that along the lake front there are bikes and runners combined. Kalisik replied that the path/sidewalk has to be a minimum width of eight feet to have bike and pedestrian traffic together. Chairperson Wilson asked if a bike grant would generate more interest in a bikeway. He went on to say that he personally, does not see a lot of bikes in town. Schaefer added that probably the majority of the riding is people heading to a trail.

Schwarz commented that although he is all for exercise and recreation, he thinks a loop through town is asking for trouble. Corbino suggested that if a bike lane were painted on Main Street from the Prairie Path to the Downtown area it might generate some revenue. It could be a boon to our businesses. Chairperson Wilson

replied that he is not opposed to it, but not on Main Street. Larkin suggested that it could be on Elizabeth Street. Corbino asked if there are bike racks downtown. Larkin thought that a bike rack could be installed by the splash pad. Schaefer commented that it sounds like there are a lot of ideas. Corbino added that he thinks there is a potential for people who don't live in the area to come into town. The Committee discussed where bicycle traffic might go south of the Prairie Path. Larkin pointed out that there are not a lot of destinations south. Schaefer suggested that signs could be installed directing people to area businesses such as, for example, Dairy Queen.

Kalisik suggested that the Committee could start with objectives next meeting and lay out what they want to accomplish. Chairperson Wilson commented that the first projects to be done should be the projects that won't cost any money. Schaefer recommended that the two trails should be linked. Kalisik added that the idea is trying to link everything together; parks, bike trails, etc.

Schwarz commented that there was a lot of time spent on this and the purpose was to keep the bicycles off of the main roads as much as possible. He added that we shouldn't reinvent the wheel because it didn't get pushed forward at the time.

Chairperson Wilson proposed that the Ad Hoc Trails Committee could be reinstated. Adding that if there is that much interest in it then maybe another committee should be established to look at it.

Schaefer asked if there were grant money available to install the post-mounted flashers that the Committee had previously discussed. Kalisik explained that the problem with pedestrian activated flashers is that they will interrupt the traffic flow. Actual traffic signals would have to be installed to coordinate the traffic flow. Schaefer suggested that they could be programmed to only allow activation during low-traffic periods.

7.0 Other Business

Kalisik said that he had been contacted regarding the intersection of Fairfield and 22nd. Is currently scheduled for a traffic signal in 2017, however, he is relatively concerned that the intersection needs at least some temporary measures implemented sooner. Chairperson Wilson commented that he does not see a need to do anything at that intersection right now.

Chairperson Wilson said that he would like to see dual left turn lanes on northbound Highland turning to westbound Roosevelt Road. The traffic really backs up there.

8.0 Information Only

9.0 Adjournment

A motion was made by John Schwarz, seconded by John Larkin, Jr., to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. The motion passed by an unanimous vote.