Village of Lombard

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Minutes

Monday, January 4, 2016 7:00 PM

Lorraine G. Gerhardt Community Room

Public Safety & Transportation Committee

Trustee Dan Whittington, Chairperson Trustee Mike Fugiel, Alternate Chairperson Jennifer Perkins, Michael Corso, John Larkin, John Schwarz, Robert Corbino, Gary Cation, Jerry Schaefer and John Mullins

1.0 Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

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

2.0 Roll Call

Present 9 - Dan Whittington, Jennifer Perkins, Michael Corso, John Larkin Jr., John Schwarz, Bob Corbino, Gary Cation, Jerry Shaefer, and John Mullins

Others/Staff Present:

William Ware, District 6 Trustee
Asst. Chief Howell, Fire Department
Deputy Chief Wirsing, Police Department
Matthew Lew, Civil Engineer, Public Works Department

3.0 Public Participation

Deborah Selucky, 925 E. Maple Street

Ms. Selucky addressed the committee regarding perceived speeding on Maple Street. She commented that Maple Street has had a lot of changes since she moved in and the street has been a race-through. She was out shoveling the sidewalk early the other morning and was afraid because cars were speeding. She went on to explain that she lives close to Westmore and there have been a lot of accidents near the corner. Westmore moves very well, but she is concerned that people are speeding up at the street light. Last winter when it was icv someone turned from Westmore onto Maple and went up on the parkway. DC Wirsing asked if there was a particular time period that it is most noticeable. Ms. Selucky replied that it's when the traffic is more sparse they tend to speed up. DC Wirsing explained that periodically throughout the year the Police Department does directed patrols the length of Maple. As long as the road conditions permit, they could do one soon. Ms. Selucky asked if the cable across the street could be used. DC Wirsing replied that the cable can not typically be used in the winter, however, the Police Department does have electronic speed signs that they can post.

4.0 Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Bob Corbino, seconded by John Larkin, Jr., that the Minutes of the December 7, 2015 meeting be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

5.0 Unfinished Business

<u>150505</u> Yield Sign Replacement

A discussion regarding the prior committee recommendation to install Stop signs at the intersection of Harrison and Norbury. (DISTRICT #6)

Trustee Ware said that he is not a big believer in stop signs, but after driving this a couple times, he can see the warrant behind the situation. If you are traveling southbound on Norbury you are coming up a small hill and there's a fence right there that's been set up to the front. He said that he had his daughter drive it and she pretty much came to a stop because she couldn't see if a car was coming down Harrison. DC Wirsing commented that just looking at the data it doesn't support the sign, but at the end of the day this is the Safety Committee and we want to make things safe. Corso added that because of the proximity to the school, the buses traveling down there and bad sight lines because of the fence, he thinks its safer to have a stop sign. Lew added that there has been one crash in last 3 years and 900+ vehicles per day.

6.0 New Business

<u>150588</u> Downtown Traffic Study

A recommendation to permanently retain one-way traffic on Park Avenue between St. Charles Road and McGuire Drive as well as allocating two parking spaces on the northeast corner of Park Avenue and McGuire Drive as No Parking for snow storage. (DISTRICT #1)

Lew explained that the Village had a traffic consultant do a traffic study downtown, including looking at traffic counts, traffic modeling and the one-way traffic on Park. One of the recommendations is to permanently retain the one-way on Park and to sign two spaces No Parking 11-15 through 4-15 for snow storage. They also recommend some maintenance items such as, pavement markings, enhanced signage and optimizing signal timing. Chairperson Whittington commented that traffic seems to be flowing fine with the current one-way. Schaefer asked how much the study cost. Lew replied that it was under \$10,000 but he was not sure of the exact cost. Schwarz asked if the consultant talked to anybody at the Village about the coordinated traffic signals along St. Charles. Lew answered that they did, however, they are providing updated cycle timings. Schwarz pointed out that they made a recommendation that signals should be coordinated, but they already are. Lew replied that they found a different signal length in the signal at Park and St. Charles. Cation asked if the two parking spots marked in a red diamond area on page one are the ones that will be signed for snow storage. Lew explained that it would be available except for 11-15 to 4-15. Cation asked how

that would effect the businesses. Lew answered that it has been vetted through other personnel, but he was not sure if Shannon's has been approached. Schaefer commented that he thinks dumping snow is an unfair hindrance on the business and would like to hear a contingent plan if there is a lot of snow. Mullins pointed out that that's probably the only place to put the snow, but suggested that there be a height clause. Lew pointed out that there is currently no parking in these spaces, so it's actually adding two spaces during the warmer months.

A motion was made by John Larkin, Jr., seconded by Gary Cation, that this Request be recommended to the Board of Trustees for approval of retaining the one-way traffic on Park between St. Charles Road and McGuire Drive and allow two parking spots to be used for snow storage. The motion passed by an unanimous vote.

7.0 Other Business

8.0 Information Only

150589 Village-wide Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan

Draft final report. (DISTRICT ALL)

Lew gave a short update. There have been two public meetings and two stakeholder meetings. Once completed, there will be about 35 miles of improvements. This will be done over a period of time, but the Village is moving forward with the first bike lane potentially next year on Madison.

150468 Fire Department Reports/Information

AC Howell reviewed the report. Perkins asked how the Keep the Wreath Red campaign went. AC Howell replied that they did not have to put in any white bulbs

<u>150469</u> Police Department Reports/Information

DC Wirsing said that he is working on a 2015 year end report for the committee and hopes to have it ready for the next meeting. Chairperson Whittington asked how the Department did for DUIs over the holiday season. DC Wirsing commented that it was not as many as you would think. Overall DUIs are down in DuPage County over the last couple years. Mullins asked how many tickets are issued for texting and driving. DC Wirsing was not sure, but said he can get the numbers.

9.0 Adjournment

A motion was made by Gary Cation, seconded by Bob Corbino, that there

being no further business the meeting be adjourned at 7:37 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.