

Village of Lombard

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255 East Wilson Ave.
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Minutes

Monday, November 2, 2015

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 Pro Tem John Schwarz at 7:00 p.m.

2.0 Roll Call

Present 8 - Jennifer Perkins, Michael Corso, John Larkin Jr., John Schwarz, Bob Corbino, Gary Cation, Jerry Shaefer, and John Mullins

Absent 1 - Dan Whittington

Staff Present:

Matthew Lew, Civil Engineer, Public Works Department
Asst. Chief Jerry Howell, Fire Department
Deputy Chief Tom Wirsing, Police Department
Sgt. Joe Grage, Police Department

3.0 Public Participation

4.0 Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by John Larkin, Jr., seconded by Bob Corbino, that the Minutes of the October 5, 2015 meeting be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

5.0 Unfinished Business

6.0 New Business

[150253](#)

Wilson Avenue Parking Restriction

A resident request to install "No Parking, 9 AM - 3 PM" signage on Wilson Avenue west of Finley Road to the Village limits. (DISTRICT #2)

Lew reviewed the item. There is currently no parking on the north side of the street as well as within 100' of the intersection on the south side. Perkins commented that when she went to the site there were vehicles parked on the north side of the street. Wirsing said PD will check that out.

Schwarz asked how much further it is to the Village limit from the current no parking zone. Lew answered that it is approximately 400'.

A motion was made by Gary Cation, seconded by John Larkin, Jr., that this Request be recommended to the Board of Trustees for approval. The motion passed by an unanimous vote.

[150504](#)

Glenview Avenue Stop Sign and Speed Limit Reduction Request

A resident request to install a Stop sign at the intersection of Glenview and Eugenia and to lower the speed limit on Glenview to 25 mph. (DISTRICT #1)

A motion was made by Gary Cation, seconded by John Larkin, Jr., that the Request to install a stop sign be denied. The motion passed by an unanimous vote.

The committee discussed the merits of lowering the speed limit if most vehicles are not speeding anyhow. Wirsing replied that the committee usually does not have the data to substantiate lowering a speed limit, however in this case the 85th percentile does support lowering it. Perkins stated that she visited the neighborhood and it seems that a driver would be hard pressed to get up to 30 MPH. They are all dead end streets. She further added that she has a hard time lowering the speed limit here, when it wasn't done on the 100 block of S Highland where it seems more needed. Schwartz remarked that the speeds on Highland did not support a speed reduction and that there are no sidewalks in this neighborhood, however there are on Highland. Perkins said she would like to table this part of the request until all of the committee members have had an opportunity to visit the neighborhood.

A motion was made by Jennifer Perkins, seconded by Michael Corso, that the Request to lower the speed limit to 25 MPH be tabled. The motion passed by an unanimous vote.

[150505](#)

Yield Sign Replacement

A discussion regarding the Yield sign replacement needs in the Hammerschmidt Elementary School area. (DISTRICT #6)

Leu reviewed the item. Staff looked at speeds, crash data and intersection layouts. None of the intersections met MUTCD requirements for stop signage. He went on to add that yield signs do not have specific language in the MUTCD for usage. The staff recommendation is to retain the yield signs.

Corso stated that he felt that the intersection of Harrison and Norbury should be stop signs because there are not very good sight lines there. He further commented that if the Village is going to put up two new yield signs, might as well just put up stop signs and make these intersections a little safer.

Cation asked if the yield signs in question were indicated by a blue dot on the intersection. Leu answered that they are and reiterated that the committee wanted to address the ones that were coming up for

replacement. Schwarz asked if the Police Department has any preference. Wirsing replied that the accident data does not support stop signs at these intersections and he would not recommend changing all of the yield signs to stop signs, especially if it's not supported. Schwarz commented that he thought yield signs were not enforceable. Wirsing answered that they are enforceable in an accident. Corso pointed out that two intersections have already been changed to stop signs. He added that he feels that it is inconsistent and he doesn't want to wait until there's an accident to fix these.

A motion was made by Michael Corso, seconded by Jennifer Perkins, that this Request be recommended to the Board of Trustees for approval to replace the Yield signs at Norbury and Harrison with stop signs. The motion passed by an unanimous vote.

7.0 Other Business

8.0 Information Only

[150468](#) **Fire Department Reports/Information**

[150469](#) **Police Department Reports/Information**

[150508](#) **Rectangular Rapid Flash Beacon (RRFB) Update**

Lew gave a short update. Staff is working with the traffic signal contractor. They will be putting in the median post this week and staff anticipates that the RRFB will be up by the end of the year. In-house staff will install the beacons.

9.0 Adjournment

A motion was made by Gary Cation, seconded by Michael Corso, that there being no further business the meeting be adjourned at 7:51 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.