

Village of Lombard

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Minutes

Monday, February 4, 2013

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 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 5 - Trustee Zachary Wilson, Michael Corso, John Larkin Jr., John Schwarz, and Jerry Shaefer

Absent 1 - Bob Corbino

Staff Present:

Carl Goldsmith, Director of Public Works
Deputy Chief Pat Rollins, Police Department

3.0 Public Participation

Three prospective committee members were in attendance to observe the meeting.

Crescent Meyer
Dan Mudd
Rocco Catalano

4.0 Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by John Schwarz, seconded by John Larkin, Jr., that the Minutes of the January 7, 2013, meeting be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

5.0 Unfinished Business

[130001](#)

Succession Plan

Goldsmith clarified that it does not have to be an elected official. If neither Chairperson is available, upon notifying Village Manager, the Chairperson can appoint another trustee or a committee member to chair the meeting.

The committee will discuss this at the next meeting when all committee members are present.

6.0 New Business

130051**Traffic Signals, Flash Mode During Low Traffic Volume Periods**

Chairperson Wilson explained that at the intersection of Highland Avenue and Eastgate it seems that southbound to eastbound traffic has to wait an excessive amount of time at night when there is very low traffic volume. Goldsmith reviewed staff's findings on the issue. When the signal is upgraded to video detection, the detection will project 200+ feet, which will switch the signal more efficiently. That is the preferred method, but staff can investigate further if this is an appropriate site for flash mode. Staff would have to study its effect on the signals north and south of there. At this time, staff could not say when this particular signal will be modernized. There is a program in the CIP to upgrade signals as they are replaced.

Discussion ensued regarding emergency vehicle pre-emption (EVP).

Chairperson Wilson explained that although he is pointing out this particular intersection, there are other intersections that may benefit by changing the timing, such as Convention Way and 22nd Street. There was discussion regarding changing the "low volume" time from midnight to an earlier time, such as 9:00 p.m.

Schwarz explained various traffic signal operations. He went on to say that there was a study in San Francisco through which they tried using flash mode, however, they had so many accidents that they had to stop it. He added that with all of the detection in Lombard it's probably not necessary here anyhow. If there is a particular intersection where motorists are waiting excessively long there's probably something else going on.

Corso pointed out that the handout states that it may cause confusion if one direction is flashing yellow and the cross street is flashing red. The motorists that are seeing the flashing red may assume that the other street also has a flashing red. Seeing how confused motorists are when an intersection is all flashing red due to a power outage, they probably would not know what to do.

Chairperson Wilson commented on how loud the audible signal is at this intersection. Goldsmith replied that he will have staff look into it.

The consensus was not to move forward with this item and to address specific intersections as complaints are received.

[130059](#)**Cortland Avenue, Amend Parking Restrictions**

A request to amend the parking restrictions for weekends and after 5:00 p.m. weekdays, to allow additional on-street parking. (DISTRICT #1)

Rollins reviewed the item. It has been approximately one year since Article II opened at this location and approached the Village regarding a need for additional parking. At that time Village staff requested that the business try to resolve the parking issue themselves by approaching area businesses. They have done everything the Village has asked them to do and they were able to make some arrangements, but they continue to have concerns regarding the available parking and are asking for relief. Last year the truck enforcement officer observed the situation and at that time felt that there could be additional on-street parking available for approximately 6-9 cars on the south side of Cortland. However, the requested parking would only be allowed after 5 pm on weekdays and all day on the weekends and only for non-commercial vehicles.

Schaefer commented that this committee had made the decision to make that area no parking because of trucks blocking other trucks from accessing driveways and loading docks. Rollins replied that they did look at that aspect and most of the commercial traffic is limited too daytime hours. Schwarz agreed that we would have to make sure we can accomodate safe ingress and egress.

Rollins added that it has also been made clear to the business owner that the parking would not be limited to his customers, anybody can park there.

A motion was made by John Schwarz, seconded by Michael Corso, that this matter be recommended to the Board of Trustees for approval . The motion passed by an unanimous vote.

7.0 Other Business

[130058](#)

PRIDE Article, Pedestrian Crosswalks

Discussion regarding a draft article for the PRIDE.

Schaefer said that, without interpereting law, he would like the article to clarify how motorists should treat crosswalks on two lane roads versus four lane roads. Discussion ensued regarding placement of the crosswalk signs. Goldsmith explained that on Main Street the motorist traveling in the inside lane cannot see a pedestrian if there is a car in the curb lane, therefore in that instance the signs created more of an issue. He went on to say that he has had discussions with DuPage County staff regarding his opinion that there should be standardized signage regarding crosswalks for the Illinois Prairie Path. However, it is the County's position that the crosswalks are Village right-of-way so it would be up to the individual village's to sign crosswalks. Schwarz pointed out that the Police do not need a sign to enforce it.

8.0 Information Only

Schaefer passed out an article regarding Elmhurst considering constructing a pedestrian underpass for the Illinois Prairie Path.

Schwarz asked if the Village has considered installing battery back ups on Village owned traffic signals, as the State is doing on their signals. Goldsmith answered that as we go forward we are looking at grant funding, but not all Village owned traffic signals are LED. He further explained that there are several grants that Public Works has applied for and were unsuccessful. Schwarz commented that since the battery back ups can run for four to five hours without power it would be beneficial to install them.

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 carried unanimously.