

Village of Lombard

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Minutes

Monday, May 7, 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 6 - Trustee Zachary Wilson, Michael Corso, John Larkin Jr., John Schwarz, Bob Corbino, and Jerry Shaefer

Absent 1 - William Adams

Others Present:

Trustee Ware, District 6
Carl Goldsmith, Director of Public Works
Frank Kalisik, Civil Engineer, Public Works
Deputy Chief Rollins, Police Department

3.0 Public Participation

Mike Goba, 280 E. Edward Street

Mr. Goba was in attendance to speak about Item 120249, therefore, that item was discussed first.

4.0 Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Bob Corbino, seconded by John Larkin, Jr., that the minutes of the February 6, 2012 meeting be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

5.0 Unfinished Business

6.0 New Business

[120246](#)

Hickory Road

A resident request to install No Parking signage on W Hickory Road east of Elizabeth. (DISTRICT #1)

Kalisik reviewed the item. He explained that he was contacted about a month ago by a resident regarding commuters parking in front of her house.

He added that he had one person call today to say she did not sign the petition and was not happy with it. The parking is closer to Elizabeth so she is not effected by it. The area has smaller driveways, they can only fit two cars, so if someone comes to visit in the morning they can't park out there and Saturdays are too restrictive.

Chairperson Wilson asked what the common language is on the sign. Kalisik answered that it is Monday thru Saturday, 1 hour parking till 10:00 a.m. Kalisik went on to point out that 59% of the area homeowners agreed with the petition. Corso asked if anyone checked for Village stickers. Kalisik replied that the petitioner said she did and there were no Village stickers on the vehicles. Schaefer commented that it may just push the parking somewhere else. Larkin asked why we include Saturdays. Corso pointed out that Saturday parking is free, so nobody would be parking that far from the train station on Saturday; therefore the Saturday restriction is unnecessary.

Corbino added that he is very familiar with this area and it is a problem, however, he wasn't aware that people would walk that far to the Metra. He believes that most of the people that do park there live there or are visiting and perhaps better enforcement or a different kind of sign may work better.

Corso explained that the problem with parking for Metra is if you get to one lot and it's full you end up driving around from lot to lot. The commuters are looking for consistency, so he could see that they would park a little further away on the street. They area also then saving \$300/year.

Larkin suggested that it could be restricted on one side to help the traffic flow.

Schaefer suggested that the committee may want to revisit the whole ordinance and remove the Saturday restriction. Chairperson Wilson commented that the one person who called is only opposed to the petition in its current form. Kalisik answered yes, she didn't like the Saturday and she wanted to make it two hours instead of one.

A motion was made by Corso to approve the request with amendments to include removing the Saturday restriction. The motion died for lack of a second.

General discussion ensued regarding changing the ordinance.

Schwarz added that his concern with this is that the resident says they are parked there as long as 7 am - 10 pm. Chairperson Wilson suggested that it could be signed for morning and evening rush. Schaefer added that in further discussing a change to the ordinance, part of the consideration should include the times too. Kalisik explained that most people going downtown are going for the day, so they would need to park where they can park all day.

Chairperson Wilson asked that staff bring this item back to the next meeting with information regarding what the cost would be to re-sign areas should the ordinance be changed, i.e. eliminate the Saturday restriction. The committee will also further discuss the time limit and consider adding evening hours.

Goldsmith asked Rollins if the CSOs could do an informal traffic survey to see who is parking there and for how long.

Larkin suggested that there may be a type of overlay that could be put on the existing signs. Kalisik said he will look into it.

A motion was made by Jerry Schaefer, seconded by John Larkin, Jr., that this Request be tabled . The motion passed by an unanimous vote.

[120249](#)

Pedestrian Crossing Signs

A discussion regarding the temporary pedestrian crossing signs at Wilson and Edgewood. (DISTRICT #6)

Mr. Goba addressed the committee. He said the signs have been installed for two years during the summer and he has wondered why they were there. He did research, but couldn't find out why. On the contrary, he found why they shouldn't be there. He went on to say that nobody knows how to handle these signs. People jam on their brakes because they don't know what to do. He has gone 15 mph between Edgewood and Lewis because people don't know what to do. Traffic heading northbound on Lewis to Wilson stops and then goes, they seem to think Wilson has to stop.

Mr. Goba went on to say that through a FOIA request he asked for any pedestrian vs. motor vehicle collisions in the past 5 years for that area. There was only one and it was a pedestrian hitting a vehicle on 6/14/07. He added that he is amazed that if this was the reason why these signs were installed, why did it take 3 years. Additionally, in that particular accident, the stationary vehicle that the pedestrian exited was parked illegally.

Mr. Goba said that he thinks motorists and pedestrians have been perfect. These signs are causing more confusion and chaos than any benefit. He then asked the committee to reconsider if they really need to be there. There hasn't been an incident 5 years prior to this.

Mr. Goba added that he does know there is a ball field there. Twice he was there, before the signs were installed, when a kid arrived late and came up to the corner and oncoming traffic stopped for him. However, there's been so many things that have gone wrong since they've been installed.

A suggestion was made to do more outreach with the Park District

again to remind parents that they should utilize the parking lots.

Mr. Goba went on to say that people are almost insulted by those things, because it's the Village saying we need to tell you what to do here so we're going to put these signs here. There is a sense of distrust or that Lombardians don't know what to do in a situation. He quoted a senator who said the changes to the crosswalk law are redundant because motorists have never been allowed to crash into pedestrians.

Schaefer explained to Mr. Goba that the signs were put in place because area residents were looking for help crossing the street to get to the park and a stop sign was not warranted. The Committee went as far as asking the Park District to send flyers to parents of kids that those signs are there for your safety and not to park on Edgewood.

Mr. Goba responded that the sight lines are pretty good. He also make the comment that John Johnson explained to him that when you're standing still traffic looks a lot faster. Goldsmith replied that the average speed was 39 mph. Mr. Goba went to say that his argument hinges on nothing has happened.

Chairperson Wilson addressed the long-standing members of the committee if, based on prior experience, would they still be in favor of keeping those up. Schaefer responded yes, for seasonal use. There are still a higher concentration of pedestrians using the park at that time. Goldsmith added that there was interest by area residents that were looking for traffic control at Cherry and Wilson, but it prompted a greater discussion.

Trustee Ware spoke saying that he agrees with staff. There were a number of residents in the Old Grove subdivision that were trying to cross their kids to the park. This was the compromise. If we take it away, then we have to revisit the neighbors who wanted them.

Chairperson Wilson agreed, saying that if there were neighborhood residents asking to get rid of these signs, then it may be addressed.

7.0 Other Business

8.0 Information Only

9.0 Adjournment

A motion was made by Bob Corbino, seconded by John Larkin, Jr., that the meeting be adjourned at 7:58 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.