

Village of Lombard

*Village Hall
255 East Wilson Ave.
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Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 7, 2010

7:00 PM

Village Hall Community Room

Transportation & Safety Committee

Trustee Keith Giagnorio, Chairperson

Trustee Zachary Wilson-Co-Chairperson

John Schwarz, Nancy Sherretz, Jean Nolan, Robert Difino, Bob Corbino, Gerri Kuehl,

Jerry Schaefer and Ken Snead

*Staff Liaisons: Deputy Chief Dane Cuny - Police and Frank Kalisik and John Johnson -
Public Works*

1.0 Call to Order and Roll Call

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

Present: Trustee Zachary Wilson, Robert Difino, Gerri Kuehl, Jerry Shaefer, Ken Snead and Bob Corbino

Absent: John Schwarz, Nancy Sherretz and Jean Nolan

Staff Present:

Frank Kalisik, Public Works

John Johnson, Public Works

Chief Ray Byrne, Police Department

Others Present:

William Ware, District 6 Trustee

2.0 Public Participation

David Irion, 1011 Cherry Lane

Thomas Quirk, 1046 Cherry Lane

Keith Giagnorio, 250 W. Harrison Road

3.0 Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Kuehl, seconded by Corbino, to approve of the May 12, 2010, meeting. The motion carried by a voice vote

4.0 Unfinished Business

100225

Westmore School

Request to establish No Parking zones and expand times for existing One-Way traffic on streets surrounding the school. (DISTRICT #5)

Chairperson Wilson reviewed the item. Division will be limited to drop off & pick up times and adding "Do Not Block Driveways".

It was moved by Kuehl, seconded by Corbino, that this matter be recommended to the Board of Trustees for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote

Enactment No: Ordinance 6496

5.0 New Business

100303

Intersection of Wilson and Edgwood Avenues

A request to install a pedestrian cross-walk across Wilson Avenue at Edgwood

Avenue. (DISTRICT #6)

Trustee Ware explained that he had asked for this to come back to the committee. It originally came before the committee as an issue specific to Cherry and Wilson, which the committee deemed unwarranted. However, that discussion did not address the whole issue. Another part of the issue is the length of Wilson between Cherry and Edgewood. At Edgewood there is a baseball diamond and parents park on Edgewood and Wilson. There are safety issues.

Mr. Irion addressed the committee. He explained that he lives at Cherry and Wilson. He stated that he does know that the traffic study did not warrant the 4-way stop, however, that study only focuses on vehicle traffic. His personal interest is more about pedestrian safety and having safe passage from Old Grove to Madison Meadows. He has four small kids and it's difficult to get them to the park because there are not any traffic devices to help. He also pointed out that the speed limit is 30 mph on Wilson, but on the north side of the park it's 25 mph. It is also 25 mph at the Lombard Commons on Grace. The limit is 25 mph around all of the other parks with the exception of Wilson. There is a lot of activity in that park and crossing is dangerous. Another variable in the situation is that Wilson widens at Lewis and although it's striped some people will stop to let kids cross and then someone will swing around them. Mr. Irion reiterated that he thinks something needs to be done. The traffic study said the average speed is 39 mph and there are a lot of kids in Old Grove trying to get to Madison Meadows.

Mr. Quirk said that Mr. Irion spoke well. He also has small kids. It doesn't have to be a stop sign, but a yield, or something to slow people down.

Kalisik reviewed the staff findings. Staff did do a traffic study and did also note that there is a significant amount of crossing at Edgewood. Staff suggests putting in a crosswalk with a crosswalk sign and advanced warning signs. The people parking are not utilizing the parking north of Wilson. Staff will ask the Park District and baseball league to ask parents to use the available parking.

Another possibility is installing a pedestrian activated light, however, right now staff is suggesting a crosswalk and signs. Chairperson Wilson asked if it would be possible to install Yield to Pedestrians signs in the middle of the street like Downers Grove. Chief Byrne explained that Wilson is a different type of roadway. That area in Downers Grove is much narrower. Chairperson Wilson asked if the Village needs to reduce the speed limit in conjunction with the suggested action and would a traffic study warrant a speed reduction. Kalisik responded that staff would have to revisit the issue and look at pedestrian traffic. Discussion ensued regard pedestrian signals and speed limits around parks. Trustee Ware suggested that if we're going to install a crosswalk and signs at Edgewood, maybe we should be increasing the signage at Lewis too. The baseball diamond is at Edgewood, but the parking lot is at Lewis. Schwarz suggested that staff start with a basic approach of reidentifying Edgewood or Lewis with Yield to Pedestrians. He added that the parents need to use the parking lot to get their kids to the field safely. Keep it as simple as possible, try crosswalks and signs.

Chairperson Wilson asked if school zones are successful because of enforcement. Chief Byrne replied that part of it is enforcement, but also with all of the school traffic, it's impossible to speed anyhow. Difino commented that the most similar situation would be Grace along the Commons. Johnson suggested rubber-based signs that are installed in the middle of the street could be used. They could be put down Memorial Day through Labor Day. They install very easily and the cost is not prohibitive. Corbino commented that he liked the idea of the sign in the street.

It was moved by Corbino, seconded by Kuehl, that this matter be recommended to the Board of Trustees for approval to install crosswalks and pedestrian crossing signs including signage in the middle of the road. The motion carried by a voice vote

6.0 Other Business

7.0 Information Only

8.0 Adjournment

It was moved by Kuehl, seconded by Corbino, to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. The motion carried by a voice vote