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To: Stan Rickard, Public Works Director  
From: John Johnson, Technical Services Supervisor JJ  
Date: July 22, 1998  
Subject: Request for stop signs at Meadow and Broadview

Mr. Karl Reimer, 235 Troy Ln., requested stop signs at the intersection of Meadow and Broadview. This intersection was reviewed in May of 1992. At that time, the recommendation from the Transportation and Safety Committee was not to install traffic control devices. Since this time, accidents along with traffic volumes have increased. The traffic volumes have increased 27% since the last count in 1992. The percentage of vehicles exceeding the 30 mph speed limit has declined slightly from 37% in 1992 to approximately 30% in 1998. The 30% in 1998 represents one-third of the traffic traveling east and westbound is exceeding 30 mph.

Accident reports from January 1990 through December 1995 showed 5 right angle accidents occurred at this intersection. Three out of the five accident involved personal injury. The residents in the area have indicated that at least three other accidents have occurred at this intersection. These accidents were also right angle accidents. Mr. Karl Reimer, 235 Troy Ln., has reported that he has heard on many occasions vehicles making emergency stops.

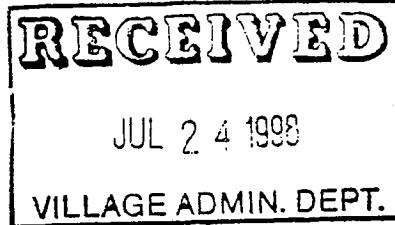
Based on the above information, I would recommend installing stop signs on Broadview at Meadow.

In the process of investigating the above intersection, I found a sight distance problem at Troy Ln. and Meadow. There is large, heavily wooded lot on the southwest corner, which blocks the driver's view severely.

I would also recommend that a stop sign be posted on Troy Ln. at Meadow.

JJ

cc: John Jaugilas, Trustee - District 4  
Paul Kufrin, Trustee - District 6  
Ralph Borgatell, Trustee - District 1  
Mr. Karl Reimer, 235 Troy Ln.  
Mr. John Jurecic, 500 West Rd.  
Transportation and Safety Committee



July 21, 1998

William Lichter  
Lombard Village Manager  
255 E. Wilson  
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Dear Mr. Lichter:

Your name was given to me by District 1 Trustee Ralph Borgatell who suggested I write you regarding a traffic accident I was involved in at the intersection of Meadow and Broadview, located between Route 53 and West Road, the morning of June 20, 1998.

My fiancée and I were traveling east on Meadow and crashed into a vehicle turning west onto Meadow from Broadview. Luckily, no one was injured in the collision, for my fiancée and I were married seven hours later at Lilacia Park.

Two concerns about the safety of the intersection prompted me to write this letter. First and foremost, no stop or yield sign is posted at the intersection of Meadow and Broadview. This poses an extreme safety concern to the Lombard residents who travel via this intersection, as it is the main feeder to Route 53 and North Avenue from that neighborhood. Second, an Ameritech van was parked at the southwest corner of the intersection, possibly inspecting and maintaining the Ameritech box located there. That van prevented both drivers from seeing each other.

Two residents who live at the intersection heard the accident and came to our aid by calling police. The Lombard officer, after inspecting the accident scene, issued no tickets, specifically stating that the Ameritech van prohibited either driver from seeing one another and avoiding the collision.

As Village Manager, you must certainly be interested in the safety of Lombard residents. The two neighbors who came to our aid have seen numerous accidents at the intersection. Let's post a stop or yield sign on the north and south ends of the intersection at Broadview to hopefully prevent future accidents and serious injuries resulting from such accidents. Does it take a loss of life before the village will find funds in the budget to post two signs at a dangerous intersection?

For your convenience, I have enclosed a map of the intersection at the time of the June 20th accident. Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kirsten K. Lamborn-Schoenke".

Kirsten K. Lamborn-Schoenke

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WEST ROAD

MEADOW

BROADVIEW

\* CRASH SCENE

← AMERITECH BOX  
PARKED  
AMERITECH VAN

← N

ROUTE 53