# Village of Lombard

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## **Meeting Minutes**

Monday, October 5, 2009

7:00 PM

**Village Hall Community Room** 

## **Transportation & Safety Committee**

Trustee Dick Tross-Chairperson
Trustee Zachary Wilson-Co-Chairperson
John Schwarz, Nancy Sherretz, Jean Nolan, Robert Difino, Bob Corbino, Gerri Kuehl,
Jerry Shaefer 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 Tross at 7:00 p.m.

**Present:** Trustee Richard J. Tross, John Schwarz, Robert Difino, Nancy Sherretz, Jean Nolan, Ken Snead and Bob Corbino

## 2.0 Public Participation

## 3.0 Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Snead, seconded by Corbino, to approve the Minutes of the September 14th, 2009 meeting. The motion carried by a voice vote

### 4.0 Unfinished Business

### 5.0 New Business

## 090637 Foxworth and Valley, Vehicle Speed Report

It was moved by Difino, seconded by Snead, that this matter be tabled. The motion carried by a voice vote

### 090585 Snow Removal in Municipal Parking Lots

Recommendation to limit parking in municipal parking lots during significant snow events. (DISTRICTS #1 & #4)

Kalisik reviewed the item. Snead asked what the procedure would be for having vehicles removed. Chairperson Tross answered that as a rule, Lombard does not tow vehicles because by the time they came to tow, the plow will have moved on. The vehicles would be plowed around and ticketed. Chairperson Tross also requested Staff double-check the Park Ave Condos parking agreement for North Park Parking Lot prior to sending this item to the Board of Trustees.

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

#### 090642 Downtown Landscape Enhancement Recommendations

Chairperson Tross reviewed the item. Difino expressed concern that kids would be crossing the street mid-block between parked cars. Wilson pointed out that Downers Grove has signs in the middle of the road that say stop for pedestrians. Snead added that in other towns the ones that work well have a safety area in the center of the road. There is no space for that here. Schwarz commented that it did not sound very safe. Snead suggested that perhaps it could be considered in the 200 block because it's not in such close proximity to Main Street. Corbino commented that it poses a potential

danger, especially with children using it. Nolan also thought it would be dangerous. Sherretz pointed out that even if there are designated crosswalks pedestrians don't use them. Sgt. Nevara added that it also encourages commuter to cross there.

There was a consensus among the committee members to not install mid-block crosswalks.

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

Chairperson Tross suggested that stamped crosswalks be installed the entire length of downtown starting at Crescent. Schwarz commented that it would take care of ADA compliance too.

Discussion ensued regarding installing a crosswalk at Lincoln and how far east the crosswalks should be installed. Nolan suggested that the word "controlled intersections" be taken out. Snead added that he was concerned about ice build-up in the depressed parts.

There was a consensus among the committee members that stamped crosswalks should be installed at all intersections along St. Charles Road from Grace to Crescent.

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

Discussion ensued regarding the amount of signage present in the downtown area. Schwarz warned that the signs have to be installed according to MUTCD. Johnson added that Public Works eliminated almost a third of the signs a few years ago, but 1/3 of those were re-installed because the Police Department could not enforce because there was too big of a gap between signs. It was suggested that perhaps less could be installed if they were larger.

There was a consensus to defer this issue to the sub-committee.

Schwarz asked staff to make sure that the planting they use do not create line of sight issues

#### 6.0 Other Business

## 7.0 Information Only

#### 090643 Lombard Commuter Parking Study

Difino asked if it's been determined whether out of town people parking in our downtown area are a nuisance or a benefit. Nolan pointed out that the non-residents are parking on Parkside, so they're not shopping downtown. Chairperson Tross reminded the committee that if you use Metra money to construct a parking lot you can't make it permit parking. Nolan mentioned that Laura from LTC and Tom Masterson would like to serve on the sub-committee. She went on to say that there needs to be a constructive focus for the sub-committee and that she would like to hear input from residents that are commuters and use commuter lots too.

## 8.0 Adjournment

It was moved by  $\,$  Difino, seconded by  $\,$  Corbino, to adjourn at 8:23 p.m. The motion carried by a voice vote