

Village of Lombard

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Minutes

Monday, October 1, 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 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

3.0 Public Participation

Kim Bacia, 255 W. Hickory Road
Kevin Hayes, 528 S. LaLonde Avenue

4.0 Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Bob Corbino, seconded by John Larkin, Jr., that the Minutes of the September 10, 2012 meeting be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

5.0 Unfinished Business

[120246](#)

Recommendation of the Transportation and Safety Committee - Hickory Road

Resident request to install No Parking signage on West Hickory Road east of Elizabeth. (DISTRICT #1)

Ms. Bacia explained that she tried to have signs put up but was denied, however, she still wants them put up. She went on to say that there are men parking in front of her house Monday through Friday and it's a narrow street, so the neighbors have a hard time getting through. One of her neighbors is not able to see past the vehicles when backing out of her driveway. Another issue is that the litter is piling up. Kalisik clarified that it's because the street sweeper isn't able to clean there with the cars parked. Corso asked if it appeared that they are walking to train. Ms. Bacia answered that they are, a neighbor has seen them at the train station. She added that sometimes they just hang out by the cars talking for extended periods.

Chairperson Wilson asked Rollins to review what the outcome was when the Police Department evaluated the situation. Rollins replied that there are typically between three and five vehicles. The one time that they checked ownership one was from Glen Ellyn, one was from Bloomingdale and the remainder were Lombard residents. He further commented that if it is changed Police will give warning first by placing

a flyer on their vehicle letting them know that it's changed.

Schaefer reiterated that the committee was resistant because of the small amount of cars and one of the residents did not want the restriction to apply to Saturdays.

General discussion ensued regarding the changing all of the commuter restricted parking signage vs. this one block. Kalisik clarified that if the committee decided to change all of the signs it would cost \$22,000, but the committee could modify the ordinance for this location.

Chairperson Wilson stated that unless the committee is going to make special circumstances all over town then the only option is to stay within the existing ordinance. If the committee wants to change the ordinance and all of the signs it's too costly, so if the existing ordinance language is used neighbors and friends will be subjected to the existing ordinance. Kalisik pointed out that it's really just a 2-hour window.

Schaefer added that it would not be unreasonable to take Saturday off the books going forward and that there should be future discussions regarding changing the ordinance.

A motion was made by John Larkin, Jr., seconded by Jerry Schaefer, that this Request be recommend to the Board of Trustees for approval. The motion passed by an unanimous vote.

[120467](#)

Mid-Block Crosswalk Sign Removal

A request to remove the mid-block crosswalk signs from St. Charles & Lincoln, Wilson & Cherry and Wilson & Edgewood. (DISTRICTS #1 & #6)

Mr. Hayes explained that he was there to talk to the committee about the Illinois Prairie Path crossing at Main Street and Westmore-Meyers Road. He said that he has seen many close calls at these crossings. He went on to say that Lombard has the two most dangerous crossings on the path because of the four-lane roads. Many of the motorists are aggressive, he has been "flipped-off". He added that he thinks people don't know the law that vehicles have to stop for pedestrians in the cross walk, although of course it does also say the pedestrians can't be idiots. Mr. Hayes stated that he just wanted to know what he could do to get signs installed. Corso explained that people are confused by them. Kalisik added that previously those signs were installed on Main Street, but they actually created a hazard. The vehicles in the outside lane would stop, but cars in the inside lane wouldn't stop because they couldn't see the pedestrian.

There were more issues and conflicts when the signs were up, so they were removed. Chairperson Wilson added that he has heard comments that the island causes part of the problem. Kalisik replied that sanctuary should be safer because then you're only watching one direction at a time. Mr. Hayes said that the island is not the greatest. He has young kids and they don't know what to do with the island. Chairperson Wilson pointed out that although there are many stories of near misses, nobody has been hit and that there are as many people who do not want the signs. A resident spoke to the Committee a few months ago that was adamant that he wanted the signs removed.

Mr. Hayes stated that he also thinks the stop signs on the path are confusing to people, because motorists know they are there. Schaefer suggested that a larger stop sign could be installed for the path users. Chairperson Wilson explained that if you go to downtown Downers Grove the signs work because traffic is so slow anyhow, but at these locations, the traffic is moving pretty fast. Schaefer added that the Committee previously looked at signalizing this crossing, however it was too costly. He added that the Committee will be doing an article for the PRIDE to try to clarify the responsibilities at these crossings. There definitely needs to be a public awareness campaign about how to handle crosswalks.

Mr. Hayes reiterated that he thinks the motoring public is not aware and these signs would make them aware. Trustee Wilson replied that it's the same motoring public that see those signs and they stop when there is no pedestrian and cause an accident. He added that it's his feeling that the responsibility is more the pedestrians than the motorist. Mr. Hayes added that he agrees with the "don't be stupid", but just doesn't think that the public is aware. These are two of the most dangerous crossings. Schaefer reiterated that the signs are more appropriate on a 2-lane roadway. Trustee Wilson pointed out that there is also risk management involved, if the Village does something and it goes badly, it's on the Village.

6.0 New Business

[120523](#)

Noise Ordinance

Discussion regarding the current noise ordinance.

As the resident that wanted to speak on this item was not in attendance, this item will be discussed at the next meeting.

7.0 Other Business

8.0 Information Only

9.0 Adjournment

A motion was made by John Larkin, Jr., seconded by Bob Corbino, that the meeting be adjourned at 7:55 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.