

Village of Lombard

*Village Hall
255 East Wilson Ave.
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Minutes

Monday, October 13, 2014

7:00 PM

Village Hall

Transportation & Safety Committee

Trustee Reid Foltyniewicz - Chairperson

Trustee Mike Fugiel - Alternate Chairperson

*Michael Corso, John Larkin, John Schwarz,
Bob Corbino, Jerry Schaefer, Jennifer Perkins,*

Gary Cation and John Mullins

Staff Liaisons:

*Deputy Chief Tom Wirsing - Police Department and
Matthew Lew - Public Works Department*

1.0 Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

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

2.0 Roll Call

Present 7 - Trustee Reid Foltyniewicz, Michael Corso, John Larkin Jr., Jerry Shaefer, Jennifer Perkins, Gary Cation, and John Mullins

Absent 2 - John Schwarz, and Bob Corbino

Others Present:

Deputy Chief Tom Wirsing, Police Department
Sgt. Joe Grage, Police Department
Matthew Lew, Civil Engineer, Public Works Department

3.0 Public Participation

JoAnn Burgin, 97 S. Highland Ave

4.0 Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by John Larkin, Jr., seconded by Gary Cation, that the Minutes of the September 8, 2014 meeting be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

5.0 Unfinished Business

140341

Highland Speed Study

Petition received by the Public Works Dept. to reduce the speed limit on Highland Ave. between St. Charles Rd. and Maple Ave. from 30mph to 25mph.

Ms. Burgin commented that when the electronic speed limit sign was up, it was never on. Wirsing explained that the display was intentionally turned off so that drivers would not hit their brakes. Grage reviewed the Police Department data which was consistent with Public Works findings explained in the memo. There's definitely a speed issue on that street during the morning hours. The top speed was 83 mph and the second highest was 63, neither was a police vehicle. Deputy Chief Wirsing explained that lowering the speed limit would not necessarily stop that type of behavior. Chairperson Foltyniewicz asked if there is a good spot to do enforcement. Grage answered that

they have been trying to sit mid-block, but even with an unmarked vehicle they haven't caught many violations. Foltyniewicz asked Ms. Burgin if it would be alright for a police vehicle to sit in her driveway once in awhile. Ms. Burgin answered that she did not mind.

Ms. Burgin went on to ask if the data shows how many people are driving over 30 mph. Grage explained that he set the report for 30, so anyone above that was a violation. The bulk of the violations are driving between 30-35 mph. Ms. Burgin said that it was her thinking that if the street were posted 25 mph most people will do 30. Lew explained that artificially lowering a speed limit does not have that effect. Most drivers will drive whatever speed feels comfortable on a particular street. Wirsing added that the Police Department is happy to continue with enforcement through October and November and report back. Foltyniewicz asked if there were crashes due to speeds. Wirsing replied that they were not speed related.

Larkin asked that the Police Department continue enforcement. Corso asked that the speed signs periodically be placed there as well.

A motion was made by John Larkin, Jr., seconded by Michael Corso, that this request be denied in concurrence with staff's recommendation. The motion passed by an unanimous vote.

6.0 New Business

[140385](#)

Park Avenue South of Grove Street

A resident request to address on-street parking. (DISTRICT 1)

Foltyniewicz explained that he received an email from Trustee Whittington regarding cars parked on the street causing a sight obstruction, as well as requesting a 4-way stop. Larkin agreed that it is sometimes tough to see when they're parked too close to the intersection. Lew reported that there was some work going on at the adjacent apartments and the village had granted them an on-street parking permit. Since the completion of their work there are very few cars parked there.

A motion was made by John Larkin, Jr., seconded by John Mullins, that this request be denied in concurrence with staff's recommendation. The motion passed by an unanimous vote.

[140386](#)

Illinois Prairie Path Crossing at Main Street

A review of possible additional measures that can be taken to increase crossing safety. (DISTRICTS 1, 4 & 5)

General discussion ensued regarding existing conditions and possible solutions. The committee concurred with the following: leave the island in, re-stripe the pedestrian crossing and obtain more information regarding possibly installing Rectangular Rapid Blashing

Beacons for pedestrian crossings at Main Street and Westmore-Meyers Road.

A motion was made by Gary Cation, seconded by John Larkin, Jr., that this Request be tabled to the next meeting. The motion passed by an unanimous vote.

[140387](#)

Intersection of Edson Avenue and Harrison Road

A resident request to modify a 2-way stop to an all-way stop.
(DISTRICT 6)

Lew explained that in 3 years 6 crashes have occurred, however per the MUTCD the warrant requires 5 crashes in 12 months. Wirsing added that the last crash was in 2012 and it was a side swipe, so not related to the intersection.

A motion was made by Gary Cation, seconded by John Larkin, Jr., that this request be denied in concurrence with staff's recommendation. The motion passed by an unanimous vote.

7.0 Other Business

8.0 Information Only

140402

Signage Quantities

The Committee concurred that they would like to review intersections where Yield signs exist to see if installation of Stop signs, or removal of the Yield signs is warranted. They would like to review the area around Hammerschmidt School first.

9.0 Adjournment

A motion was made by Gary Cation, seconded by John Larkin, Jr., to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.